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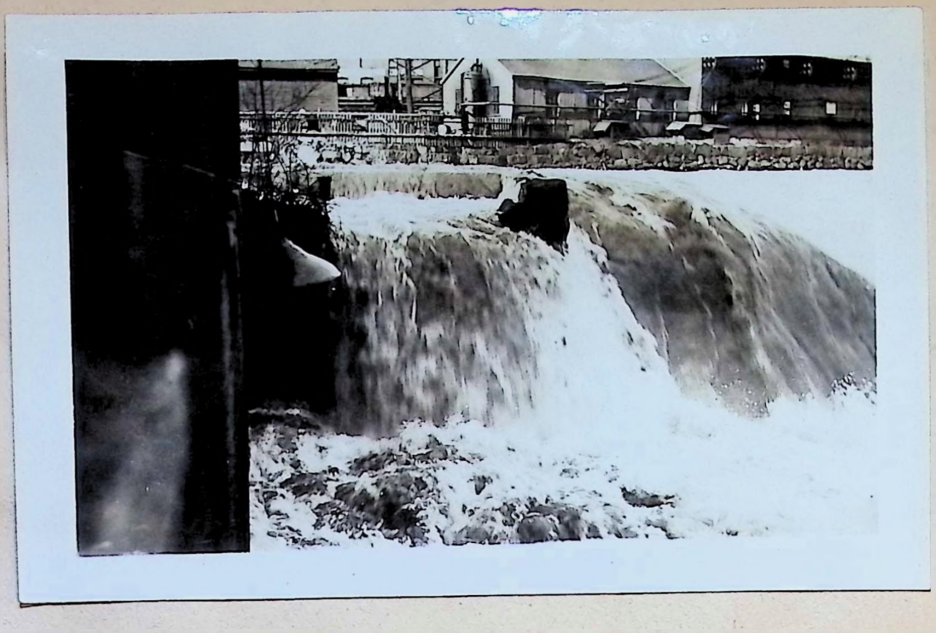

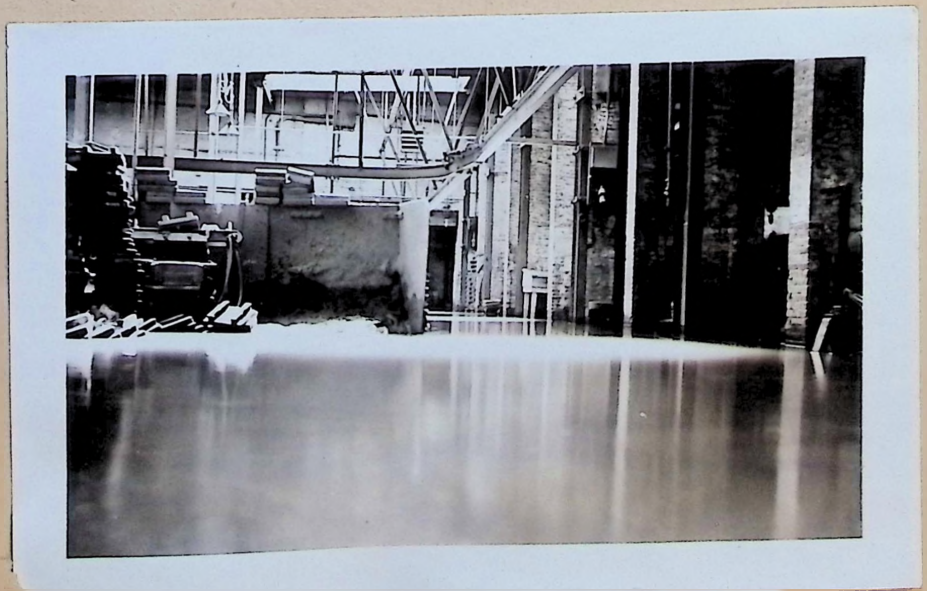

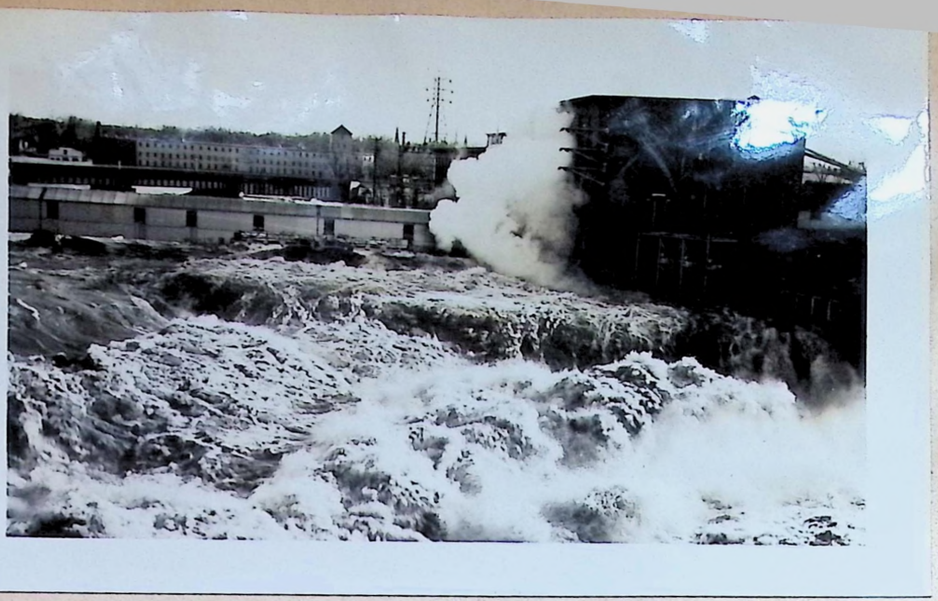

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Rains Start Avalanches In White Mts.

Highway Near Jackson Buried by Snowslide--Ice, Dirt and Snow Sweep Down Crawford Notch

Gorham, N. H., March 12.—(AP)—Two hugs landslides, ropelled by loosened melting ice and snow, roared down ie picturesque White Mountains today, engulfed main highays between here and Jackson and bottled up the valley of rawford Notch.

While emergency highway crews battled through tumbled elds of ice and stone to free the Daniel Webster highway, all ources in the state strove to determine the extent of the damge. As far as could be learned no lives were lost.

A 12-foot avalanche plunged down the precipitous mountin walls around the Notch, making the gateway impassable. he sparsely settled area and the mountainous region comined to hold back complete details.

With this community under 18 iches of water, the entire citinry offered its help in breaking way south toward Jackson, 15 iles away. State highway trucks undered over the rural roads nd bucked into the ice and stone erwn highway from the north.

One truck was abandoned almost immediately as rocks and e tumbled down toward it.

First reports indicated the main ction of the slide near here arted on Little Wild Cat mountin, part of Mt. Washington, and ept several feet of snow before . The Appalachian Mountain club uts, used throughout the winter y winter sports enthusiasts, are cated on Little Wild Cat but ere believed safe by observers ere.

A highway crew of 125 strained ith picks and shovels to build a itch so that freshened, rushing ountain streams might be diverted to the Peabody river.

In Pinkham notch, to the south, ns of snow, loosened by nearly hours of heavy rain, swept ross the highway.

Water pouring into the narrow lley from a network of small reams pushed the snow blocke forward and covered the road. Members of the 126th CCC comny at Camp Peabody, near Gorm, joined highway forces in ttle and camp authorities ex-

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NEW ENGLAND RIVERS RISE WITH RAIN

Worst Conditions Are Found in Crawford Notch

ICE BREAKS IN MERRIMAC

Streams in Vermont Reach Freshet Stage

Concord, N. H., March 12.—(AP)—Northern New England rivers, softened by warm winds and steady rain and absorbing the melting snow of the mountains, swelled rapidly today, overflowed lowlands and flooded cellars.

While the worst reported conditions centered in Crawford Notch, Gorham and Jackson where there were land and snow slides, more southern communities reported severe property damage from rain.

The ice of the Merrimack river was breaking up at Earvins Falls, a few miles south of here, and the Nashua river had reached flood stage at Fitchburg, Mass.

The Boston and Maine railroad reported a 30-foot washout at Pomanoosic, above White River Junction, Vt. Trains were re-routed to Concord, N. H., and service maintained. High water was general all along the railroad line through Vermont and New Hamnshire.

MAINE RIVERS RISE WITH HARD RAINS

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ortland, Me., March 12.—(AP) ine rivers rose today as torial rain and melting snow lled their flow, but except on iller streams immediate threat floods did not exist, engineers orted.

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STATE HIGHWAY TURNED INTO A RIVER TODAY

Water cascading down the state road from the Hight residence quite a distance above Five Points down to Orchard street tied up traffic today. Cars plowed through severa inches of water along the road, many of them becoming stalled. Electric cars were forced to stop at Orchard street. The picture shows cars plowing through water above Five Points —By Staff Photograph

FLOOD CONDITIONS QUITE SERIOUS IN BOTH CITIES TODA

Cecil F. Clark of the land and power department of the Cumberland County Power and Light Co., who keeps in close touch with conditions on the Saco river, admitted this noon that while no damage had been done by the heavy rain storm, the worst perhaps in a year, it was impossible to tell what conditions would arise should the rain continue through the night.

Up to 10 o'clock this forenoon the river had risen one foot and was still rising. Up to 10 a. m., 2¼ inches of water had fallen in the southern storm, which began late yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Clark stated that the greatest danger was from the ice going out. Above the bridges the ice is from 16 to 24 inches thick, and quitie solid. Should the water rise sufficiently to break up the ice and send it down-stream it would be impossible to tell what damage would be done.

Another angle which is causing river men considerable anxiety is the fact that the ice has not yet gone out below the falls, and should the ice break up above the falls, ice jams would be formed,

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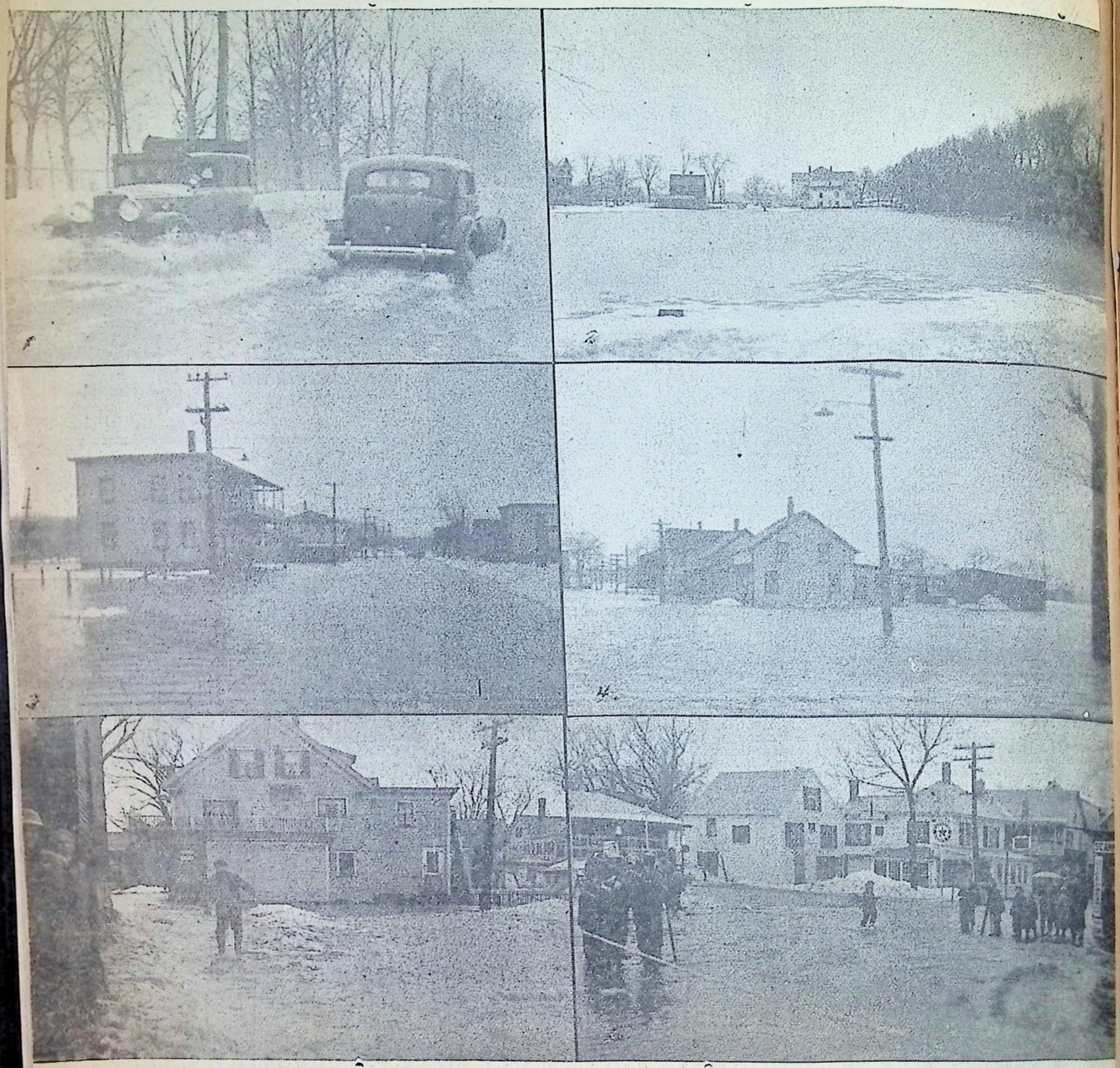
LOCAL SCENES AS TORRENTIAL RAINS FELL THURSDAY



—By Staff Photographer.

Top left—A section of the state highway above Five Points. Top right—The Ste. Marie field between Elm and Graham streets, looking from Graham towards Elm street. Middle left —Harrison avenue as it appeared about mid-afternoon yesterday. Middle right—Clarendon street submerged under sever al inches of water. Lower left—Elm street at the corner of Pleasant street, Saco, early yesterday afternoon. Lower right —The corner of Elm and Temple streets, Saco, as firemen and street crews were working to relieve conditions when the water was nearly at its height yesterday.

Cold Increases Misery of Refugees

NINE PEOPLE LOSE LIVES

CHANGE IN WEATHER ALLEVIATED FLOOD CONDITIONS LOCALLY

Trucks Used Last Night To Get Some Residents Back to Their Homes. Alfred Road and Route One Opened to Traffic Today as Flood Waters Subside. Condition on Saco River More Favorable Today

NEW ENGLAN FLOODS TA SEVEN LES

Highway Condons in Maine Wo in Decade

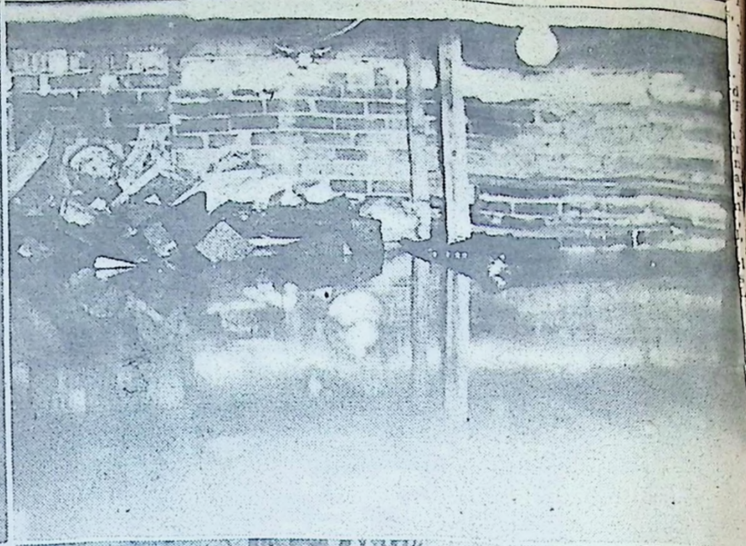
SWIRLING RIVER AT THE BACK DOOR

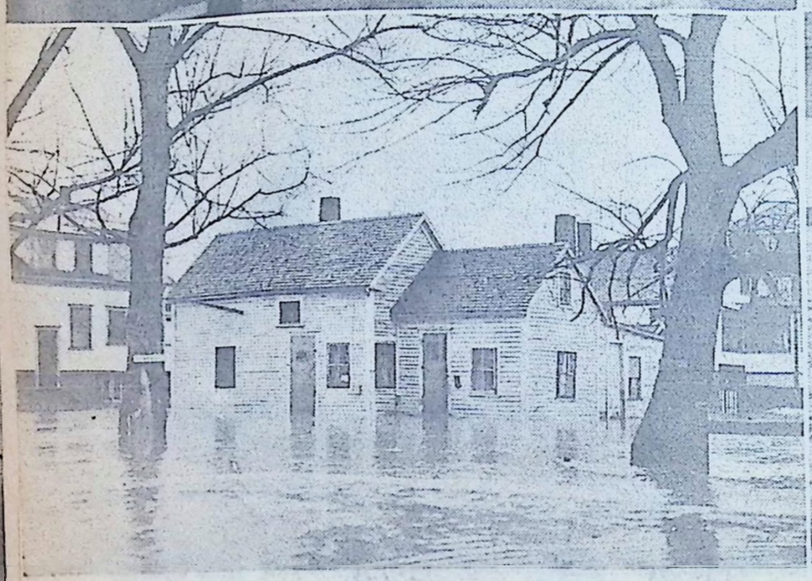
nes like this were quite common in many of Greater Boston communities after yesterday's long downpour. This is how a section of Arlington Heights looked from Mill lane.

Scenes As Flood Waters Invaded Sanford And Biddeford Streets

Upper left: Home of Peter Currier, South Main Street, Sanford, surrounded by water. Upper right, section of Lambert Street, between Alfred nd Prospect Streets, Biddeford, where the street and dooryards were covered with a foot of water. Lower left: Members of the Sanford fire depart- ient, with Robert Rankin in the foreground, pumping in front of the residence of William H. Marland on Main Street, within sight of the Sanford own Hall and the business center. Lower right: Mill workers residing on Prospect Street, Biddeford, being brought to their homes in automobiles.

As Raging Waters Wreak Heavy Damage In Maine





Scenes as the worst floods in many years struck western and central Maine Thursday.

Top left shows the Westbrook end of the new PWA bridge over the Presumpscot River at Riverton, with ice cakes and debris floating over the road and into fields. The WPA bridge was in no danger early this morning. A side road leading into the city of Westbrook runs diagonally from the lower right corner of the picture and is completely under water, as is a small bridge spanning a creek at the center left of the picture. At the right of the picture is the home of William J. Jewett, surrounded on three sides by water and with its cellar deeply flooded.

Top right shows the cellar of Mr. Jewett's home flooded by five feet of water.

Bottom Left shows the home at Augusta from which Mrs. Beulah K. Prime and her two children were rescued by firemen in rowboats. Many Augusta cellars were flooded.

Lower right is a view of Grove Street, Augusta, at the foot of Wade Street. This point is within sight of the State Capitol and shows a delivery truck abandoned when water stalled the engine.

AS FLOODS RUINED WESTBORO STREET

A view along Upton road, Westboro, where waters from Jackstraw Brook destroyed the street, tearing great sections of the hard surface.

Communities Isolated Rail Service On 5 Lines Suspended

HIGHWAY AND PROPERTY LOSS TO BE THOUSANDS

Dynamite Used To Break Jams—Many Bridges Washed Out Or In Danger Lightning Starts Fire

With one man dead and many bridges, highways and railroad beds washed out, Maine early today was experiencing the worst flood conditions in years, torrential rains and melting snow having turned usually placid brooks and streams into raging torrents. Thousands of dollars damage was done to residential and highway property.

None of Maine's four principal rivers, the Androscoggin, Penobscot, Saco or Kennebec, had overflown its banks, except in isolated sections, but flood control experts predicted that it only would be a matter of hours before the ice would break up in the large rivers and send them cascading over their banks. The Androscoggin River was rising relentlessly.

Flood conditions in Southwestern Maine became more acute shortly after 12.30 a. m. today when a freak thunder storm, a minor cloudburst, broke over this district. A bolt started a fire in the shed of Albert Huard on Depot Street, two miles outside of South Windham. In Portland another bolt struck a pole opposite 43 Richardson Street and set it afire.

The new storm apparently served notice to Southwestern Maine, that any possibility of serious floods would be averted by a sudden drop in temperature.

Residents in the Androscoggin Valley region were particularly apprehensive early today. Flood control experts had warned Thursday night that the ice in the Androscoggin River was about to break up and that the valley faces the worst flood conditions in its history.

Throughout Southwestern Maine the rumble of dynamite blasts mingled with that of the thunder as com-

MAINE RIVERS BURST THROUGH ICE BARRIERS

Flood Peril Greatest During Past 40 Years

Portland, Me., March 13.—(AP)

5 Killed By Storm In N. E

Wall Of Ice And Water Wrecks Houses At Bartlett, N. H.

HUGE LANDSLIDES BLOCK HIGHWAYS

Rail And Auto Traffic Disrupted; Streams Near 1927 Marks

Five Saco Families Taken From Their Homes By Firemen

Firemen Rescue Six From Flood At South Paris

ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER WORRIES AUTHORITIES

Auburn Householders Forced To Leave Their Homes

Lewiston, Me. March 13.—(AP)

Flood Waters Block Portland-Bangor Main Line Of Maine Central Railroad

Bridge At Winslow Threatened, Officials Announce — Damage To Lines At Gardiner And Farmingdale Reported

Ice-choked flood waters of the Kennebec and Sebasticook Rivers Friday night had blocked the main line of the Maine Central Railroad between Portland and Bangor, by way of Augusta, and were threatening to carry away the railroad bridge at Winslow, Maine Central Railroad officials announced Friday night.

Further damage to railroad lines was reported in the vicinity of Gardiner and Farmindale.

Off Train Into Boats

PLYMOUTH, N. H., March 12—Thirty-one persons were taken from a Boston-bound railroad train in boats, two miles north of here tonight, after being marooned for four hours by the flood waters of the Pemigewasset River.

The rescue was effected with some difficulty but shortly after 10 o'clock tonight 19 passengers and 12 railroad men who had been aboard the train were safely housed in a local hotel, none the worse from the experience.

Flood waters were three feet deep in the area where the train was stalled, but none penetrated inside the cars.

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Folks At Oxford Village And Snow Falls Become Seafarers

Photos by Harry Pach

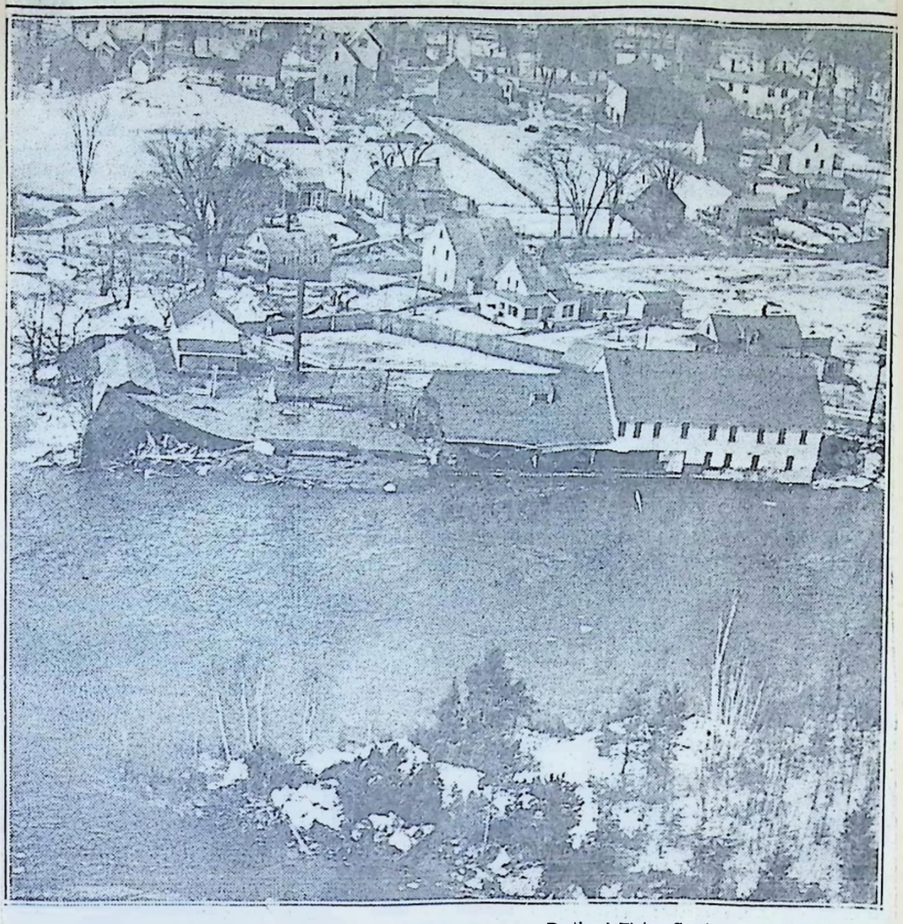
Scenes about Oxford village and Snow Falls, near West Paris, where flooded highways marooned residents for hours Friday except for re transportation.

Upper left, Tom Tunney of South Paris advising motorists that even their newest models cannot plow through the four feet of water whe Little Androscoggin overflowed its banks. No. 2 upper right, highway near the covered bridge at Oxford Village. For 12 hours there was no transportation from this village. Picture shows boatmen poling passengers from the village to higher ground. The water was six feet deep and ing furiously over the black road. The boatman is poling The Press Herald flood films across the flood tides.

Bottom left—they saved their chickens. Mrs. Mattie Kankonen of West Paris with 1,000 day-old chicks which arrived during the flood. U be taken over the highways to the railroad express office on the cement highway from their farm homes Thursday, many of the chicks died. H sons, however, negotiated the badly washed back roads with an old car Friday morning and landed the chicks at the farm at noon.

Bottom right, Edgar Corlis of West Paris drove down to Snow Falls to see a neighbor. On the way home about daylight Friday his car stuck deep water which had overflowed and there the photographer found him in mid-afternoon. No traffic troubles bothered him for the state h had been closed since Thursday night.

Factory Wrecked By Kennebec Ice Floes



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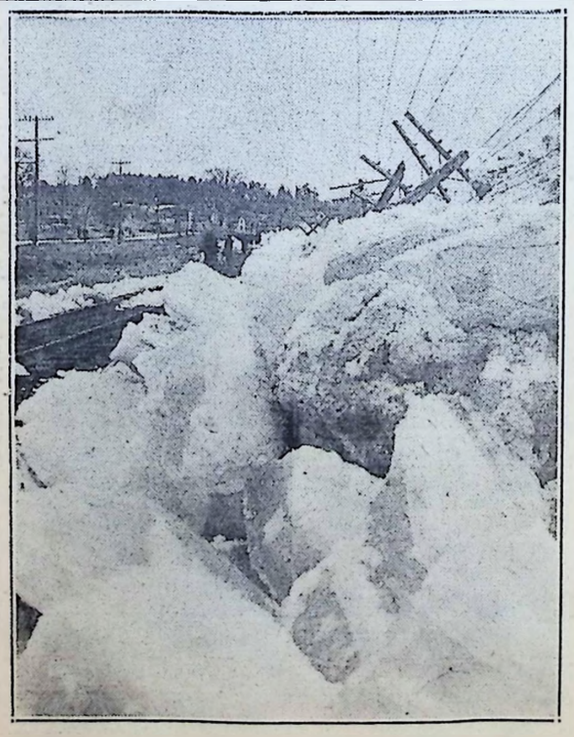
The corn canning factory of the Fairfield Corporation on the bank of the Kennebec River, wrecked by grinding ice floes and the terrific power of the flood waters.

Ice Snaps Telephone Poles



Some conception of the height of the piled-up ice cakes blocking the Maine Central's Vanceboro line above the Bangor Water Works Dam is afforded by the above picture. Ice in places here was pushed up as high as telephone pole cross-trees and snapped the poles like toothpicks.

Waters Beyond Record Mark Set In 1896

FEAR FELT FOR MANY BRIDGES

Buildings Are Washed Away; Roads Under Guard, Loss Heavy

Raging Streams Continue Work Of Destruction

Scenes Of Devastation Mark Every State In New England

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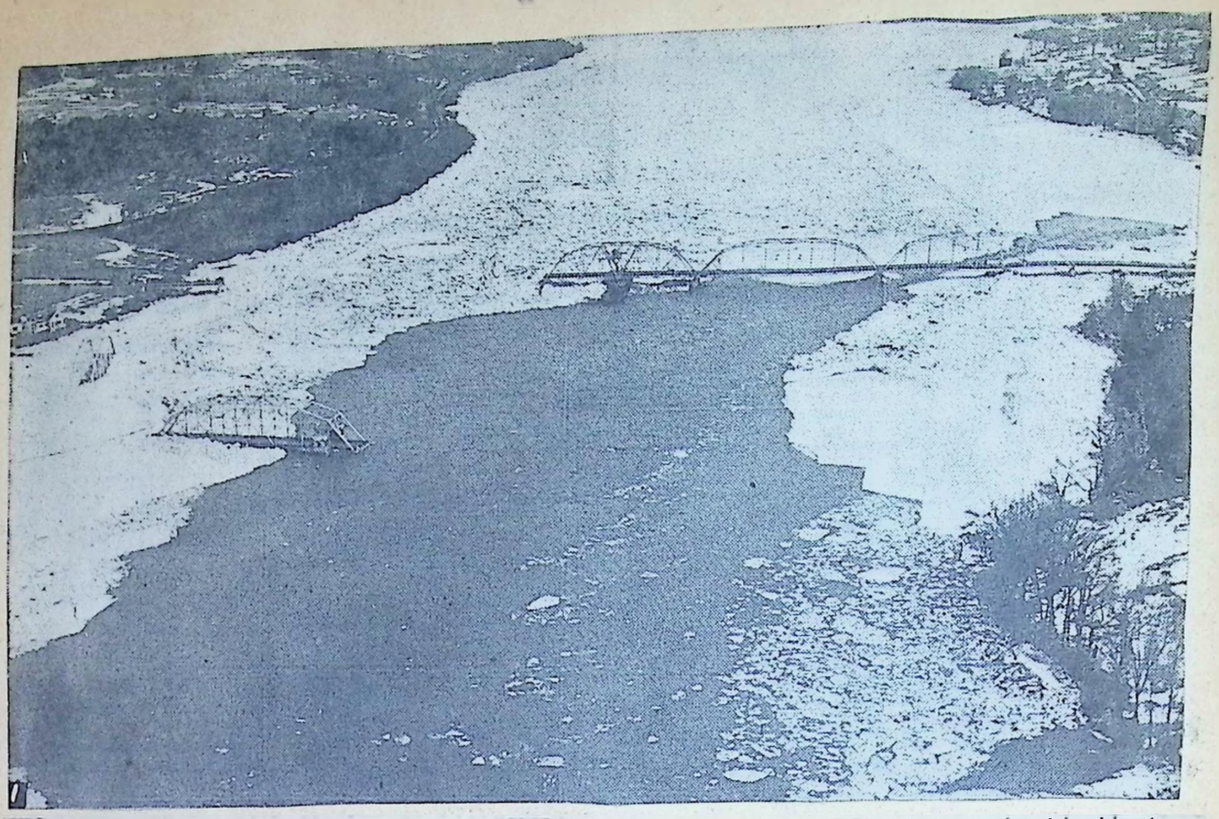
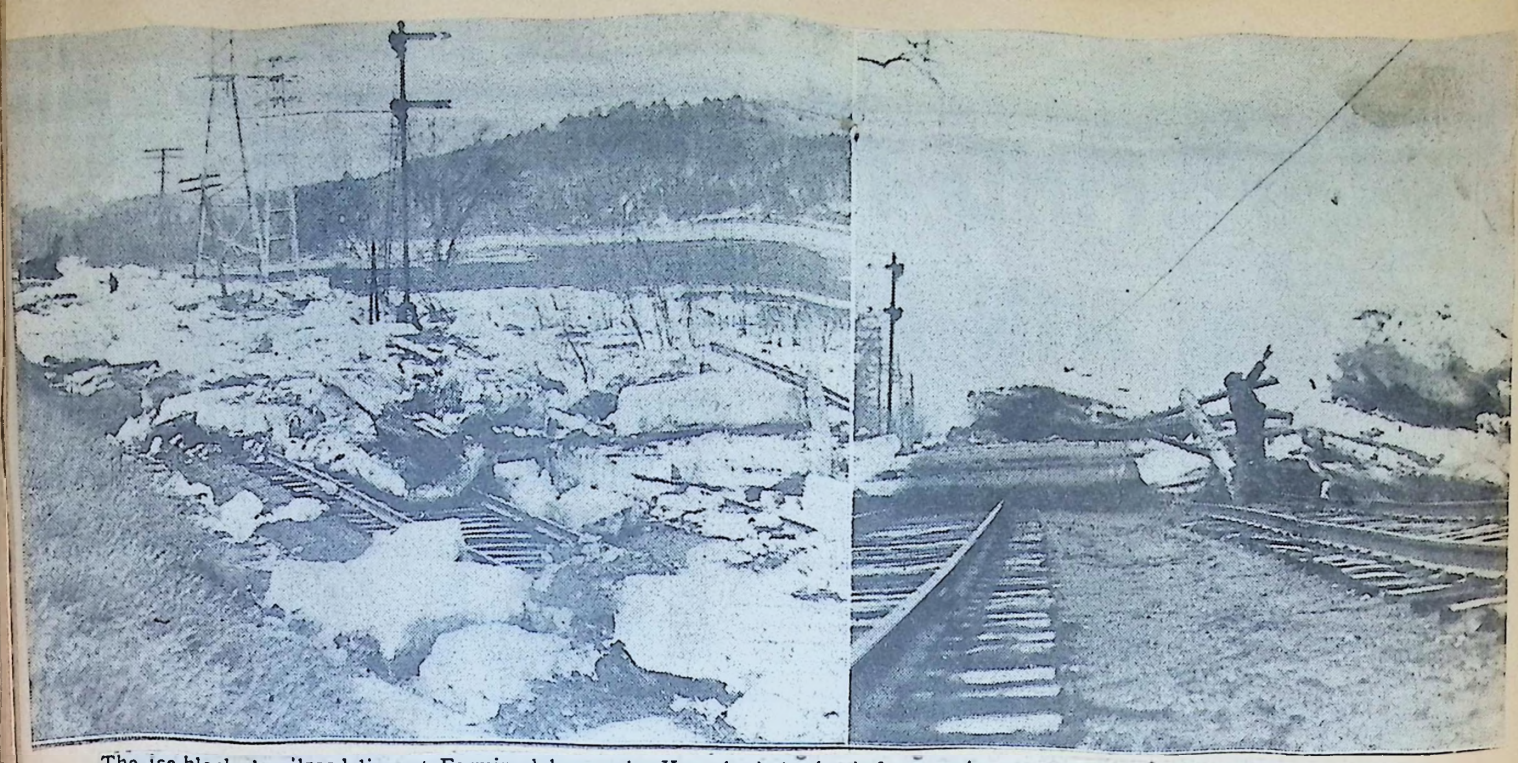


No. 1—The terrific power of tons of ice hurled downstream by raging waters is graphically depicted in this photograph made just after the swollen Kennebec had torn out several sections of the State-operated toll bridge between Richmond and Dresden. Built at a cost of $260,000, the bridge was opened to traffic in September, 1931, but its receipts since that time never were sufficient even to meet actual operating costs, although it was expected that by toll payments the cost of the structure would be liquidated. Unless Federal funds are obtainable, it is considered unlikely that the State will be able to replace the now ruined bridge.

No. 6—The "Old Man of the Falls" is taking quite a pummeling as huge ice cakes plunge over the Lewiston Falls. The Androscoggin River swollen to flood pitch afforded a magnificent spectacle for the residents of Lewiston and Auburn. It has been many years since the Androscoggin has been in such an angry mood.



The ice-blocked railroad line at Farmingdale, on the Kennebec's banks, before section crews began their long task of clearing it. Height of the ice jam blocking the railroad near Farmingdale may be gauged by comparing the piled-up cakes with the man

Ice Jams Along Three Rivers Broken

DANGER LOOMS ON PENOBSCOT

Auto Traffic Blocked In Spots; Lowlands Still Submerged

Anxiety subsided with receding waters along three of Maine's principal rivers Sunday night. But along the fourth —the mighty, ice-locked Penobscot—the rumbling of an ice jam only partly broken, brought grim warning of continued danger.

With a thundering roar, a small section of the ice jam above Bangor let go late Sunday night, sliding harmlessly over Bangor Dam.

Rivermen, however, estimated this first break-up took out barely one-twentieth of the total ice mass, extending upstream to West Enfield and estimated as a total weight of 6,000,000 tons.

A sudden — and possible — break-up of that 6,000,000 tons of potential destruction would mean heavy property damage; it might mean the loss of human life, river engineers warned.

At the first indication of the unexpected breakup, the riot call was

$1,000,000 Asked By WPA To Meet Flood Conditions In Maine

The Maine Works Progress Administration prepared Sunday to take immediate steps in meeting acute flood conditions throughout the state.

Sunday night Administrator Albert Abrahamson announced he had wired Washington for approval of a statewide flood project for $1,000,000 in place of a project for $150,000 submitted Saturday.

At the same time he announced two other ways in which WPA would act to meet the present emergency.

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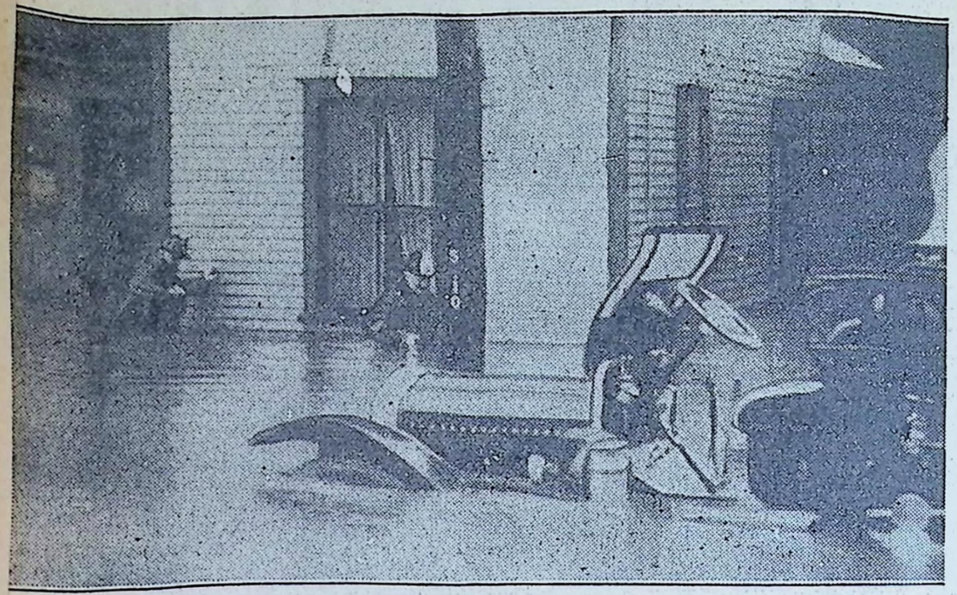
FIRE ENGINE CAUGHT IN MAINE FLOODS



This fire engine was among the victims as rising waters inundated Bangor, Me. The firemen tried for a time to free the machine and then gave it up as a bad job. (Associated Press Photo)

Ice in Swollen Rivers Endangers Cities and Towns

Buildings Smashed, Bridges Swept Away, Railroads and Highways Badly Damaged

Portland, Me., March 16.—(AP)—Rain fell on Maine watersheds today as a climax to four days of flood accumulations, providing a potential threat of further damage to crops and property.

Flood crests had passed in the three principal inundated areas, the Penobscot, Kennebec and Androscoggin.

Subsiding rivers flowed more freely toward the ocean. Most of the ice jams that impounded the flood waters had broken up naturally.

Chief danger spot today was a 20-mile stretch of the Penobscot above Bangor, where 6,000,000, tons of ice were jammed together.

Should the mass move out at once, engineers feared, it might carry away the big Bangor dam, flooding the city's business districts and lowland residential towns farther downstream.

Part of the jam broke early night with a roar heard for miles but it tumbled harmlessly over the dam.

The Sebasticook, a Kennebec tributary, also held menacing Clinton and other small towns above Waterville. Dynamite was used to dislodge a jam two miles above Waterville.

The receding rivers bared property damage running into millions. Business, large and small, farmers and the industrial home-owners suffered proportionately.

The four-day floods washed away dozens of bridges including three major spans, ripped up railroad tracks, tore the surface from improved highways, smashed buildings as if they were made of paper, dispersed millions of feet of pulpwood, logs and sawed lumber forced mills to close, drowned farm stock and sent hundreds fleeing from isolated homes.

The Maine Central railroad put into effect a schedule change revised. Its main line from Portland to Bangor via Brunswick and Augusta is blocked. A bridge at Topsham was out; [illegible] track between Richmond and

NEW ENGLAND FLOOD PERIL GROWS LESS

Mills Suspend in Lawrence and Lowell

CONNECTICUT RIVERS NORMAL

20-Mile Stretch Near Bangor Chief Spot of Danger

Delay Of Rain Brings New Courage

SACO RIVER STILL RISING

Conditions Elsewhere Improving; Repair Work Started

Warning!!!

New Train Schedules Beginning Monday, March 16th

Be sure to consult your Maine Central Agent before planning to take a train.

Because of flood conditions and loss of bridge at Topsham, all schedules between Portland and Bangor will be changed.

Plenty of train service, but ask about new time before you start.

Maine Central Railroad

Ice-Jammed Penobscot Still On Rampage At Orono

Portland Flying Service, Photo Division

Still on the rampage above Bangor, the ice-jammed Penobscot, at freshet pitch, is shown in the above airphoto as it pushed its grinding floes past the business district of Orono. The town's main street shows at the upper left. River-side sheds, damaged by the relentless ice, may be seen at the left and right center.

By Staff Photographer

First two spans of the Richmond Bridge, floating upright in the ice jam on the Kennebec River after being torn from the structure early Saturday morning. Shortly after this picture was taken, the third of the five spans was pushed from its piers and sank.

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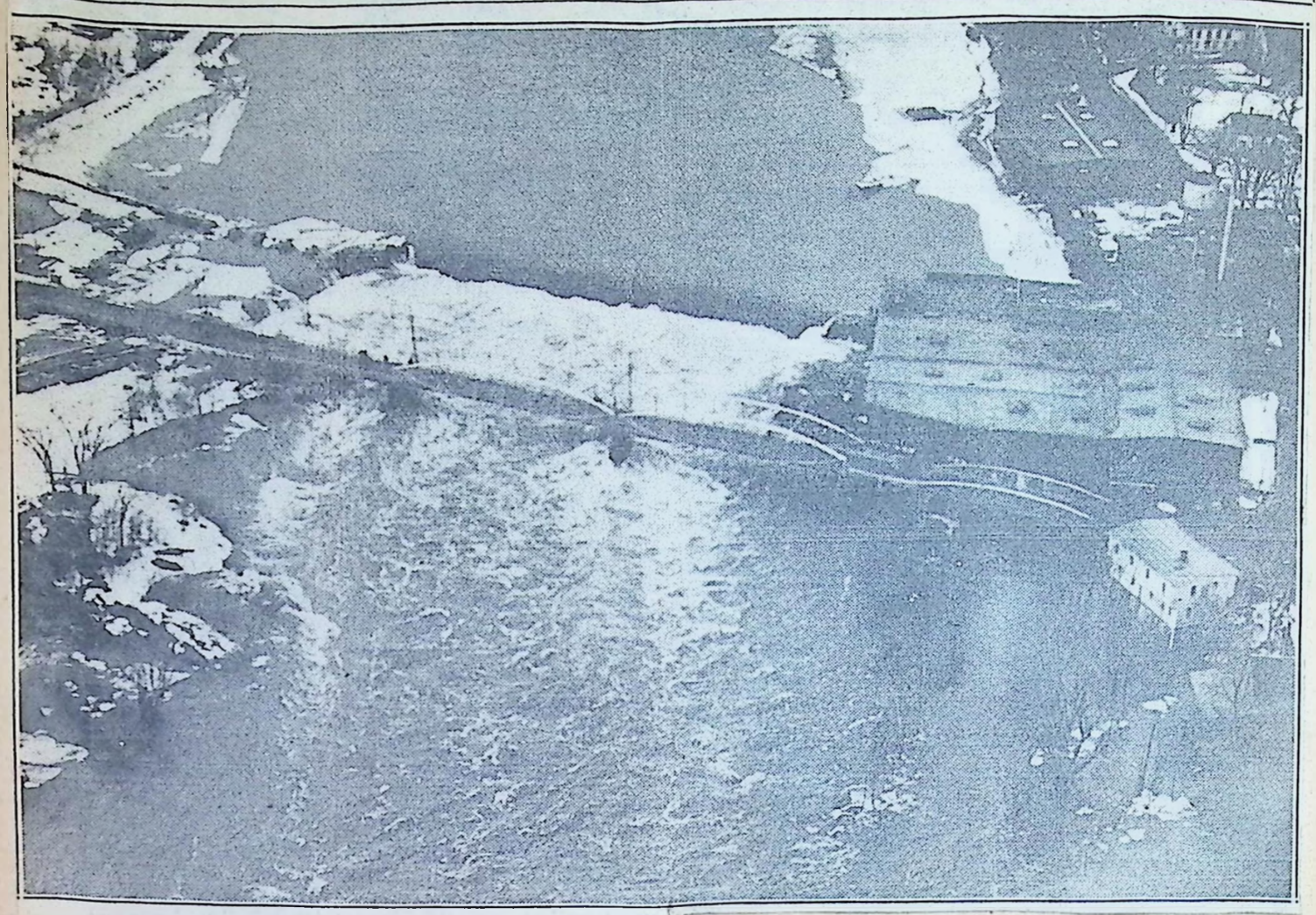
Saco River Running Full At Bar Mills Village



Above: Flood waters of the Saco River coming over the falls at Bar Mills and sweeping under the bridge between the Buxton and Hollis sides of the village. On the right, just above the end of the bridge is the plant of the Rogers Fibre Board Company, the principal industry. This is on the Buxton side and in the background, bearing gradually to the right, is the road leading up hill to the old railroad station. Farther up river, near Rolfe's Island, below West Buxton, is a huge ice jam.

Below: The tremendous sweep of the current around one of the middle piers of the bridge, showing what the old Saco can do when it is in an angry spring mood. (Airphoto by Portland Flying Service).

Property Loss Already Runs to Millions-- Ice Jams Hold

Portland, Me., March 17.—(AP)—A Weather Bureau warning that southeast gales attended by heavy rain would strike Maine within 24 hours aroused grave concern today in the state's flood-ridden valleys already staggering under a property loss well into the millions of dollars.

The Weather Bureau issued its omen of additional flood hazard as two federal relief agencies promised money and man-power into a state-launched reclamation programme.

Intermittent rain and dense fog covered the state. The sixth day of the flood situation found the larger rivers subsiding and the only immediate danger from two turbulent smaller streams, the Saco and the Sebasticook, a Kennebec river tributary.

In the upper Penobscot, 20 miles of jammed ice still held a potential threat to Bangor and populous stretches below that city. Veteran river men believed, however, that the jams would dissipate naturally, barring unexpected developments.

The Maine WPA flung 350 workers into flood relief work in the Kennebec and Androscoggin valleys, and expected to transfer more men from other types of projects.

Washington officials had permitted State Administrator Albert Abrahamson to re-allocate $1,000,000 of his funds to flood work.

Gov. Louis J. Brann promised the ERA, which, he said, made $50,000 available for relief of human suffering, that the state's entire personnel was at its disposal.

Dread of a typhoid epidemic at Brunswick led Dr. George H. Coombs, state health director, to provide the town with free serum.

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New England Cities and Towns Which Suffered Most From Floods

This map shows at a glance the rivers of New England (the Penobscot excepted) which went on a rampage and where the greatest destruction of life, homes, bridges, railroads, dams, factories, stores, livestock and other property occurred. Sketches illustrate dramatic and amusing highlights of the flood.

FLOODED PLYMOUTH, N.H. BALL PARK

ST. JOHNSBURY
Business suspended.

MOSCOW, ME.
River bites tremendous chasm through hill.

RUMFORD
Big ice jams.

WATERBURY
Winooski R. dynamited.

Avalanches in White Mts.
Killed man at Bartlett.

RICHMOND-DRESDEN
$300,000 bridge swept away.

LEWISTON
Ice jams dynamited to save bridges.

B. & M. train marooned, passengers rescued in boats

CLAREMONT
Dam swept away.

Railroad bridge washed away at Penacook, N. H.

CONCORD
Suncook bridge collapses

BIDDEFORD-SACO
Twin Cities separated as bridges tottered.

BRATTLEBORO
Bridges tottered.

KEENE
12 nearby bridges gone.

NASHUA
Large area of city under water, 3500 homeless

Bridge badly damaged at Groveland and Rock Village.

Bridge out at Athol.

HADLEY-ADAMS
These communities, although smaller than big cities, suffered greatest damage.

HARTFORD
Damage estimated at $25,-000,000—30,000 homeless.

NORTHAMPTON
Militi...

LOWELL, LAWRENCE AND HAVERHILL

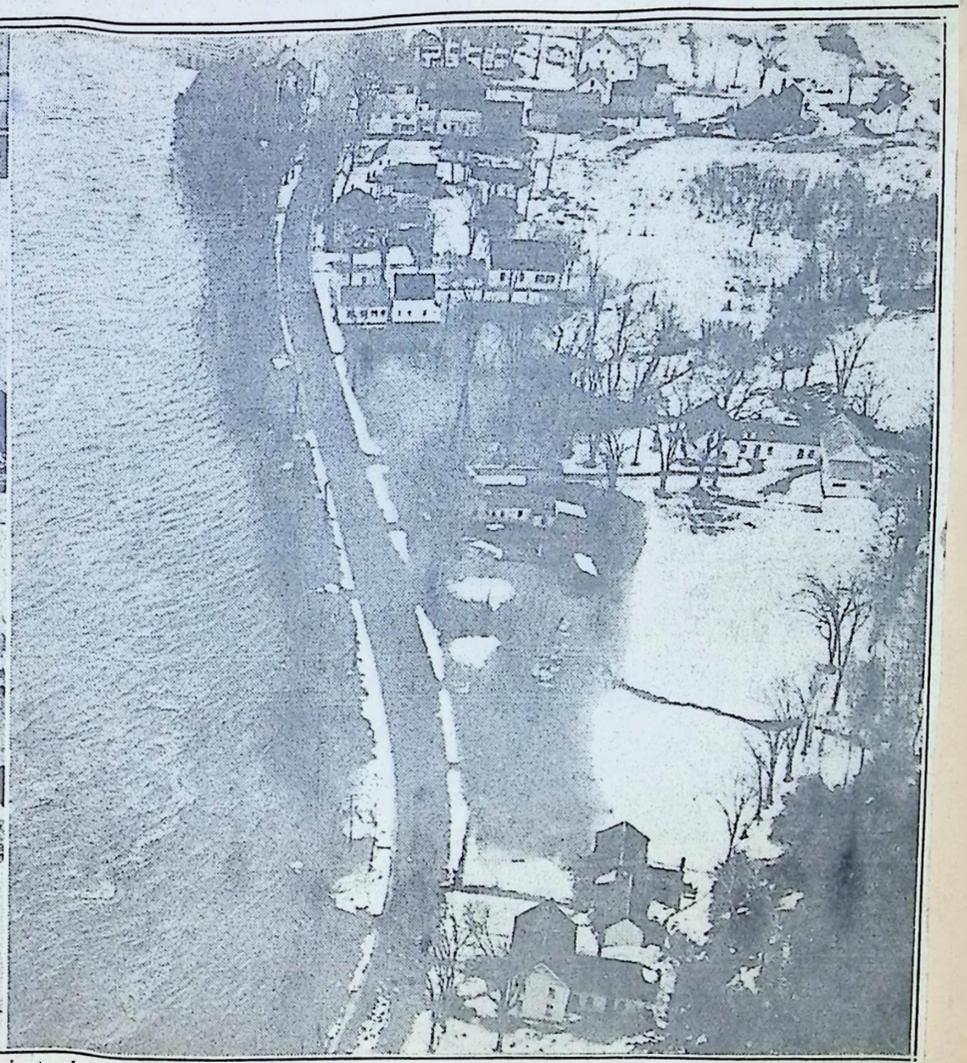
RESCUES IN HARTFORD, CONN.

DUMMER

Somesville Bridge March 18, 1936—Remains of Gooch Street Bridge

Top—Ice jammed at the Somesville bridge, which later gave way. Lower—The condemned Gooch Street Bridge early gave way before the onrushing torrents.

Flood Waters Threaten Bridges And Homes In Saco River Valley



The Saco River Valley was the only place where flood waters were threatening, rising instead of receding, Tuesday. Along the Saco, however, roads were being inundated, bridges threatened, homes endangered.

At the top left is a view of the dam at Bar Mills, where employes of the Rogers Fibre Board Company threw sandbags into the breach in the dam caused when the toolhouse of the factory was carried away by the head of water.

At the bottom is a view of the Cornish-Baldwin Bridge over the Saco, showing how water undermined the approach Tuesday afternoon. The bridge was closed for a while as the embankment began to cave in but later was opened again on a pass-at-your-own-risk basis.

At the right, is a Portland Flying Service photo of West Buxton, showing the Saco over its banks, the West Buxton-Bar Mills road inundated and the residences along it surrounded and threatened by the rising waters.

Where Rampaging Waters Dug Gully And Tore Up Roadbed Above Bingham

The photograph at the left shows what happened to the Quebec Highway above Bingham when Austin Stream went on a rampage. The roadbed was torn away when an ice jam broke up. At the right is the gully which Temple Stream ripped through Nicholos Hill, Moscow. The swirling waters washed out a ravine 150 to 200 feet deep and a quarter of a mile long. A spur track of the Central Maine Power Company formerly ran along the top of the hill.

—By Staff Photographer

Left—View shows where blasting was resorted to for the purpose of freeing ice jams near the Springs island (The Roosevelt) bridge, near the J. G. Deering plant today. The Saco-Lowell Shops are shown in the background. Right—Photo taken of the ice going under the Bradbury bridge.

ICE FLOE ABOVE SOMES VILLE BRIDGE THIS NOON

—By Staff Photographer.

The Bradbury bridge on Elm street, the Somesville bridge on Pine street and the new state highway bridge near the Deering plant were menaced early this afternoon when the big ice field on the Saco river above the Somesville bridge began to move rapidly. A boom across the river parted under the pressure of the moving ice. Hundreds jammed the bridges to watch the heavy ice cakes work through. The water rose rapidly when the big ice field started moving.

Dynamite Used To Avert Ice Jams Near Elm Street

The ice began to move today in the Saco river and with it fear began to increase for the bridges in this city and Saco. As a precautionary measure the Somesville bridge was closed to traffic when a telephone pole about midway of the bridge began to sway preceptibly.

Ice was jamming up below and above this bridge, and the big ice field above the Somesville bridge to the Eastern railroad bridge was moving this forenoon. It was feared that if the jam at Union falls let go the consequences might become serious here this afternoon.

After a conference this morning at which the river conditions were discussed by Mayor F. H. Mitchell of this city, Mayor Ralph L. Scamman of Saco, Cecil F. Clark of the Cumberland County Power Co. and Civil Engineers Roland Libby and Neil Dow, arrangements were made to blast the ice between the Elm street bridge near the Deering lumber yards and the Somesville bridge. About 100 feet of ice was cleared away above the Elm street bridge, and it was decided to blast as soon as the ice began to jam up above the bridge. This blasting was to be kept up this afternoon and tonight as often as it was believed to be necessary.

Water Rising

Cutts place above the Deering farm the water had backed over many acres and appeared to be getting higher. Mr. Cutts said during the forenoon, however, that the water was not as high there as it was during the freshet of 40 years ago.

Much Ice in River.

The ice field was solid from a short distance above the Somesville bridge to a short distance below Union falls this forenoon, but the ice was starting to break and the field began to move. While the increasing volume of water in the river was noticeable here during the forenoon, river men said that it could not be told when the ice would [illegible]

Johnstown

Waters, 16 Feet Deep Covering Business Area, Receding-- Thousands Face Misery

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Johnstown, Pa., March 18.—Chief of Police Harry Klink sent out a call for all state agencies to help Johnstown in its most devastating flood of 47 years and announced:

"At my own request the city is under military rule this minute."

Klink said he had asked for state troopers and highway patrolmen to move in and patrol the stricken city against looting. He also asked for CCC workers to start rehabilitation work as soon as it can get underway.

A group of 36 state troopers arrived in this city of 70,000 population early this morning and other officers were expected.

A National Guard train was en route from Pittsburgh.

The flood which at one time covered the business district 16 feet deep was receding rapidly but it left Johnstown without gas, electric power, water service or transportation. Thousands were marooned all night in downtown [illegible]

he said, "but the loss of life despite the great devastation seems slight."

The only death reported by Klink was that of Russell Belisda, swept away on a bridge yesterday.

George [illegible]

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48 Known Dead, 38,000 Homeless In Nation

200 Families At Saco And Biddeford Driven From Their Homes

UP-RIVER JAM LOOSES ICE AND LOGS SWIRLING ON CITIES

Bridges And Roads Guarded — Heavy Rain Swells All Rivers And More Predicted —Many Places Isolated

Biddeford and Saco early today felt the relentless fury of flood waters which already have taken a toll of $10,000,000 in property damage in Maine in the past week. Two hundred families were driven from their homes when the Saco River went on rampage over its banks.

A big ice jam, two miles above the two cities broke and sent ice cakes and logs from a boom containing 300,000 feet of logs swirling between the two cities. It was feared that the water, ice and logs would carry away the Bradbury, Somesville and Spring Island Bridges.

Other Maine rivers, particularly the Androscoggin, Kennebec and Little Androscoggin, early today were rising rapidly. The southwestern section of the state practically was submerged as torrents poured down the Little Androscoggin and Saco from the White Mountains.

Communication systems in many sections of Southwestern Maine were disrupted.

Rumford and Bethel practically were isolated. Reports were received that many highways in that vicinity were beneath several feet of water, that bridges and dams were threatened and that many families had been forced to evacuate their homes.

The Bethel to Rumford telephone circuit was out of order and the Norway circuit was Rumford's only contact with the outside world.

Late weather reports from Washington, predicting steady rain today and possibly Friday, caused fresh alarm. Bryant L. Hopkins, river authority at Waterville, said early today that he expected the Kennebec to rise as high as it did at the peak of the flood last week. It was the Kennebec Valley which bore the brunt of the fury of the flood waters last Friday and Saturday.

A big ice jam above Skowhegan, on the Kennebec River broke up shortly before midnight Wednesday, according to reports from Gardiner early today, and points farther down the

DIES VIEWING FLOOD ON LAWRENCE BRIDGE

LAWRENCE, March 19—Shortly after he turned from watching the high water of the Merrimack River passing under the Central bridge here today, George Loiselle, 52, of 36 Barclay street, Lowell, collapsed and died. He was employed in the Lawrence Machine & Pump Company. Relatives came from Lowell to claim his body.

Pittsburgh Plunged In Darkness

WATER 10 FEET DEEP IN CITY

Johnstown Deserted; Maryland, Virginia, N. Y. Stricken

10,000 Homeless, 1,000 In Need In Johnstown Area

By Marben Graham
Associated Press Staff Writer

Johnstown, Penna., March 18—(AP)—(By telephone from Ebensburg, 18 miles away)—The suffering citizens of this flood ravaged city were thrown into a panic a second time today by reports the Great Quemahoning Dam had broken, but their latest fears apparently were unfounded.

State Troopers reported at 4.30 p.

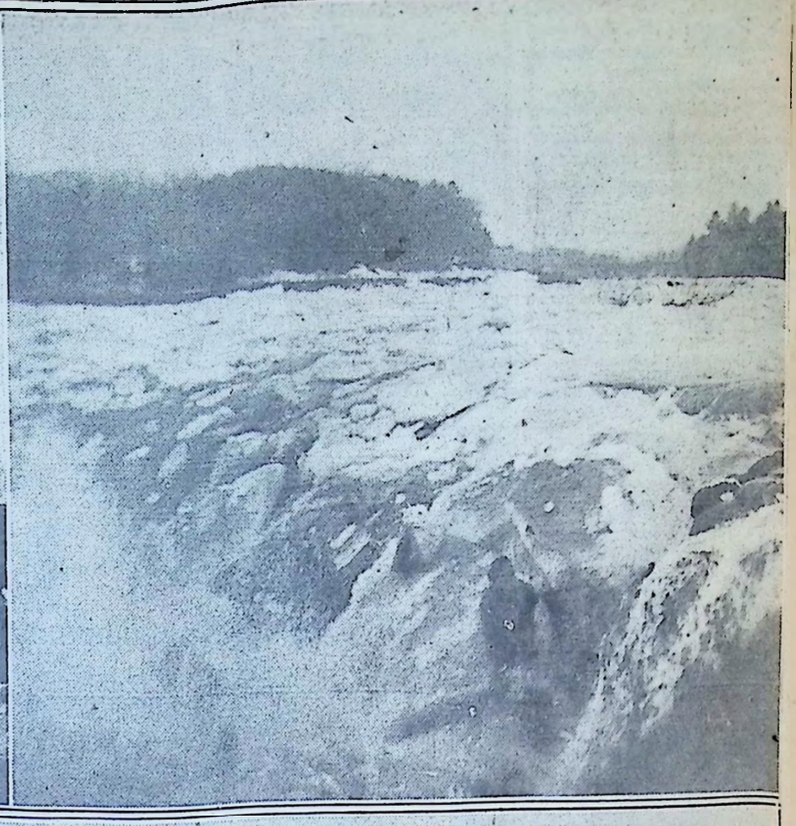
Manchester, N. H., Zoo Is Wiped Out By River

Manchester, N. H., March 19—(AP)—The raging Merrimack River wiped out a zoo in Manchester today despite efforts of two keepers to rescue their charges.

The two men were marooned on top the zoo building for several hours before they reached safety.

Drowned in the zoo were three lions, two leopards, four bears, four coyotes, one elk, one buffalo and four ponies.

As Dynamite Is Used To Quell The Angry Saco River



Action along the Saco River increased Wednesday as its waters continued to rise menacingly.

At the upper left dynamite is being used to start an ice jam which threatened to take out the Somesville Bridge at Saco Wednesday afternoon.

At the upper right, an ice jam roars over the dam at Bar Mills after it had been dynamited loose.

Below, a view of the ice jam which was threatening the Somesville Bridge at Saco before dynamite relieved the situation. Note the poor condition of the piers supporting the bridge.

ew England Flood Toll Totals 16 With Rivers Causing Inestimable Loss

ainfall Swells All Streams—State Police And National Guard On Emergency Duty—Train Service Disrupted

Boston, March 18—(AP)—New floods ravaged New igland tonight, sent the number of dead in the last week to and caused inestimable property damage.

A southeast storm deluged the area, mountain snows soft-ed by continued unseasonably warm temperatures poured ousands of tons of water into raging rivers, which, in turn, gulfed whole communities, submerged highways and rail-ad trackage, swept bridges before them and cut lines of wer, light and telephonic communication.

Store Workers First To Give In Red Cross Flood Relief Campaign

The first contribution to the flood relief fund of Portland Chapter American Red Cross, was received from employes of a local store Thursday afternoon even before Portland's $4,000 quota of the national drive for $3,000,000 had been announced.

Checks for the fund may be mailed to the local headquarters at 208 Middle Street or Red Cross officials will call for contributions when requested. The national organization is expected to spend large sums for assistance to flood refugees in this State.

West Virginia Village Is Being Swept Away By Wild Waters

The village of Green Spring, West Virginia, housing 300 inhabitants, is being literally swept away by the flood-wild Potomac River, swollen to destructive fury by torrential rains. Most of the two and half story houses in this community were almost submerged when this picture was taken from the air Wednesday. Water is lapping at the wooden steeple of a church in the center of the picture.

On The Hollis Side Of Saco River

The Saco River spreads its flood waters over the Bar Mills-West Buxton road on the Hollis side of the river.

Ice Jam Forces Closing Auburn-Lewiston Spans

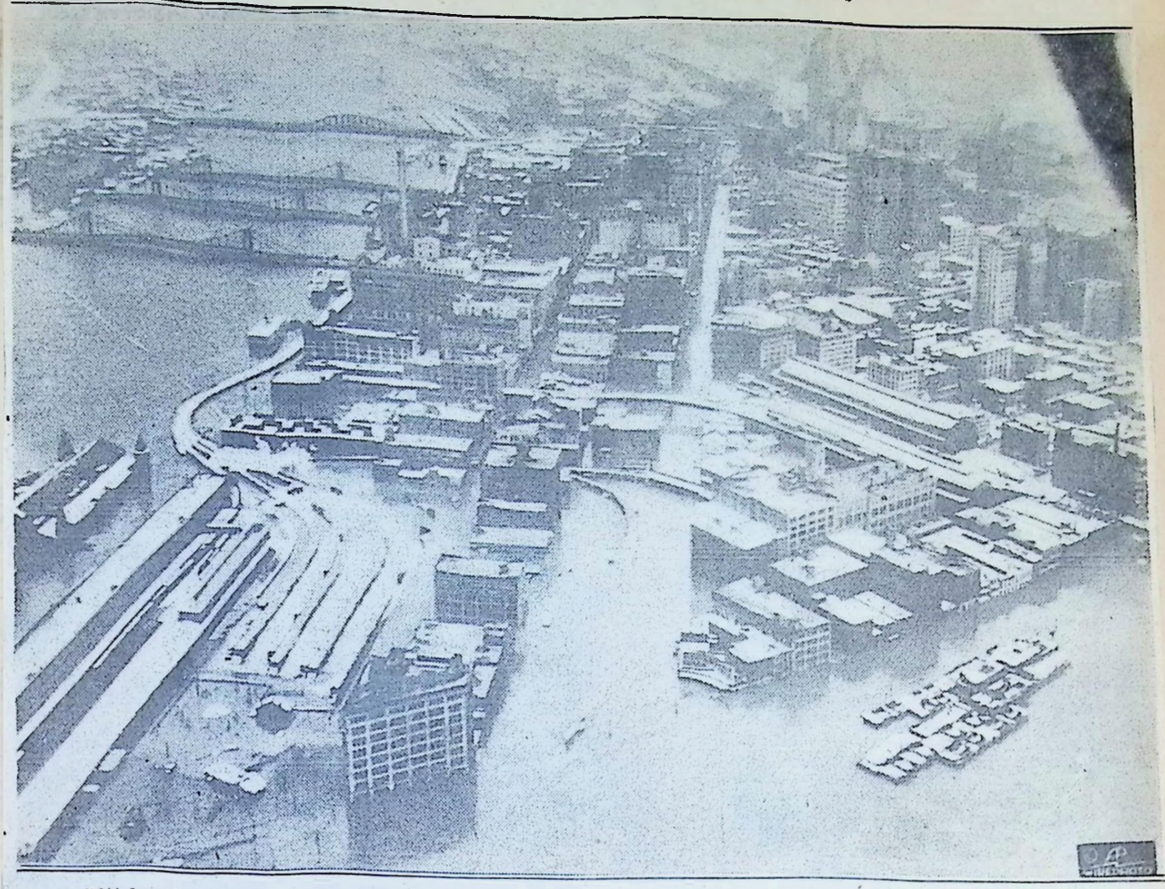
The two large bridges between Auburn and Lewiston were closed to traffic this afternoon for about four hours awaiting the moving downstream of a huge ice jam. A record flow of water was running over Gulf Island Dam.

Roads between Augusta and Lewiston are badly washed and the only train now running to Lewiston is that from Portland.

Oil Company Wharf Damaged At Saco

SACO, March 19. (Special)—Ice cakes from the Saco River piled up on the Standard Oil Company property, about half a mile below the local wharves, this morning and carried away a small section of the wharf there. With the continual rise of the river and huge ice cakes grinding along with the slow current, preparations have been made at the oil plant to cut the supply line which runs from the storage tanks to the loading pier. The cutting of the line will cause a loss of only several hundred gallons of gasoline but will prevent possible damage to the main storage tanks.

Pennsylvania's Steel City Isolated By Flood



Pittsburgh, giant Pennsylvania steel city, was virtually isolated today by flood waters which covered streets in parts of its business center with 10 feet of water. The aerial view shows water spreading through the streets of the famed "Golden Triangle."

Water Street,

S. D. Warren Departments Hit By Flood

Third Of Workers Idle As Rising Waters Cause Shutdown

About one-third of the employes of the S. D. Warren Company at Cumberland Mills were unable to work this afternoon as the Presumpscot River was rising at the rate of an inch an hour, causing the second shutdown within a week.

High water closed down the soda mill and four paper machines and continuously would affect other departments, Manager John E. Hyde said.

The river rose four feet during the night, but at noon was still eight feet below the level reached last week. The stream is practically free of ice, although small sections of two flashboard dams, repaired last week, were torn out by large cakes early this morning.

Employes will be given opportunity to make up their lost time, Mr. Hyde said.

Carries Press Herald Over Flooded Saco River Road

Gannett Publishing Company Driver Dodges Ice Cakes, Drives Truck Through Water Flowing Over Fenders

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Springs Island Vicinity Families Forced from Homes

GOVERNOR BRANN ASSURES CITIES OF STATE'S HELP

Pumping Station Flooded, with Possible Water Shortage--More Streets Under Water

With the water rising rapidly today, making it necessary to close some of the streets in this city and Saco; the pumping station of the Biddeford and Saco Water company closed because of flooded conditions at the plant; the Garland Manufacturing company plant on Water street closed because of water working into the lower floors, conditions were quite serious here today, but rivermen said that, with the ice going out rapidly, an improvement could be looked for during the afternoon, according to indications.

It became necessary to close Water street and Storer streets, Saco, to traffic today, as the water swept across these streets. Pine street was closed because of the condition of the Somesville bridge. Maple street, on Springs island, was under water, and some of the families on Pine street near the bridge were moving out at noon.

The water in the Saco river was rising rapidly this forenoon and huge ice floes were being swept down river and dashed against the bridges with such force and speed that conditions became even more serious than through the night. Two spans of the old Gooch street bridge, closed several years ago when the bridge was taken over by the Saco-Lowell Shops, went out under the force of the water, and the rest of the structure was hanging on this forenoon. One of the spans disappeared and the other jammed against the railroad bridge a short distance below.

At the Somesville bridge the structures was taking such a pounding this forenoon that it was feared that this structure would either go out or be so badly damaged that a new bridge may be needed. It appeared as though some of the granite blocks had been loosened in the piers and had sunk. Some of the channel iron of the bridge was wrenched loose through the night.

Up to this morning the rise in the Saco river during the present freshet is nine feet, Cecil F. Clark said. The river has reached a higher peak in some of the floods in the past, but in the spring of 1923, when there was a freshet, the rise was about the same.

The passing out of the jam a mile long at the pumping station

FEAR IN TWIN CITIES

Saco River Still Rising and Residents of Biddeford and Saco Expect More Trouble; 100 Families Forced to Flee Their Homes.

BIDDEFORD, Me., March 19—More than 100 families in the lowlands bordering the Saco River, in Biddeford and Saco, have been driven out by the ever-increasing waters which are bearing uplifted trees, hen coops and other frame structures downstream.

All apprehension of danger from the ice floe has passed, but considerable fear has gripped residents of the twin cities as the waters continually creep higher, to render various roads im-

CAPITAL IS SAFE AFTER WILD NIGHT

Sandbag Dikes Save Federal Office Buildings

WASHINGTON, March 19 (UP)—The raging Potomac reached a flood crest of 18.1 feet at 6 p. m. today and the U. S. Weather Bureau announced that danger to the national capital apparently had passed.

Experts said the swollen stream would not rise more than another tenth of a foot before receding.

As the peak of the worst Potomac River flood was reached, the waters still were more than a half mile away from the White House.

DYKES SAVE OFFICES

SAND BAGS AT AMOSKEAG

Sand bags to protect the Amoskeag power house at Manchester, N. H., were placed yesterday.

FLOODS BLOCKING EAST-WEST MAIL

$1,000,000 LOSS IN MANCHESTER, N. H.

Two Bridges Carried Away With Amoskeag Dam Threatened--- Scores of Families Homeless

STREET UNDER WATER AT MANCHESTER, N. H.

STREET UNDER WATER AT MANCHESTER, N. H.

This picture shows how untold damage is being inflicted to business and homes all over New England by the greatest flood in her history. The photo above shows a street in Manchester, N. H., buried deep in water, with the houses abandoned and empty.

WATER POURING THROUGH MILL IN WORCESTER

...o shows how the water, overflowing from the Curtis Pond, in Worcester, wrecked the factory of B. S. Roy and Sons Co., at 805 Southbridge street, opposite Fitton Field, Holy Cross College, in Worcester. The water poured in a steady torrent from the windows on the first floor.

BOLSTERING HOLYOKE DAM AGAINST FLOOD

Workmen shown placing sandbags at gates of Holyoke dam to prevent water going into the power house and depriving that city of power. The water was still rising there last night.

Death Toll In Nation Now 133

200,000 Are Homeless; Loss In Hundreds Of Millions

PILLAGING AND DISEASE LOOMS

Many Sections Face Food And Water Shortages

By The Associated Press

Down four great rivers—the Ohio, Potomac, Susquehanna and Connecticut—boiling flood waters raged Thursday night to ravage new areas.

Behind the surging sweep of this "Big Four," and of other rivers now receding slowly, great sections of a dozen states—the industrial heart of the nation—were swamped.

Known deaths numbered 133; many probably are yet to be counted. Property damage amounted to the hundreds of millions. Refugees were more than 200,000, by Red Cross calculation.

Pillaging, disease, food and water shortages; crippled communication lines and disrupted traffic facilities were aftermaths of the watery disaster.

Looting was a particularly serious situation at Vandergrift, Pa., and at Springfield, Mass. In the little Pennsylvania city northeast of Pittsburgh the National Guard commander reported the situation out of hand and sent for additional troops. In Spring-

Rumford's Plight Is Told By Short Wave

Augusta, March 19—(AP)—Excerpts from short wave radio messages by Captain Bouffard of the Maine National Guard on duty at flood-stricken Rumford on the Androscoggin told vividly tonight of conditions there.

Captain Bouffard reported to the State Highway Police here.

Some of his reports were:

"Feel we have sufficient food and blankets."

"Three bridges closed to all traffic and two under water."

"All lights out."

"Business district flooded."

"No one allowed on the island."

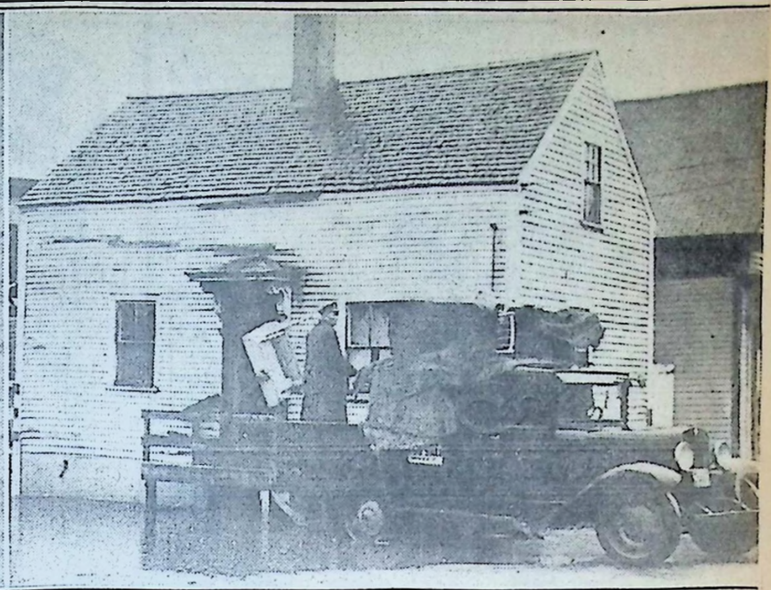
"Completely out of other communications."

"Railroad bridge and old toll bridge gone."

"We are holding our own under the present regime."

The "island" referred to by Captain Bouffard is that part of the town situated between the river and a canal.

Scenes As Saco, Kennebec And Sebasticook Rivers Rise



By Staff Photographer

Scenes along the Saco River as it rose higher and higher Thursday and at Hinckley and Burnham as the Kennebec and the Sebasticook rose toward all-time peaks.

At the upper left is a view of the highway between Bar Mills and West Buxton, the tops of the highway fence posts barely showing above the spreading waters of the Saco. At the upper right, an Irving Street, Saco, family fleeing the rising waters Thursday afternoon.

At the bottom left is a railroad bridge at Burnham which collapsed under an ice jam in the Sebasticook River. At the bottom right is ice piled up over the west approach to the Hinckley-Canaan Bridge over the Kennebec River after the big jam there had let go Thursday noon.

A lot of stuff came down with the flood waters and some of it could be used. Here's a crew of men near Brunswick, Me., snaking pulpwood out of the raging waters for use as fuel.

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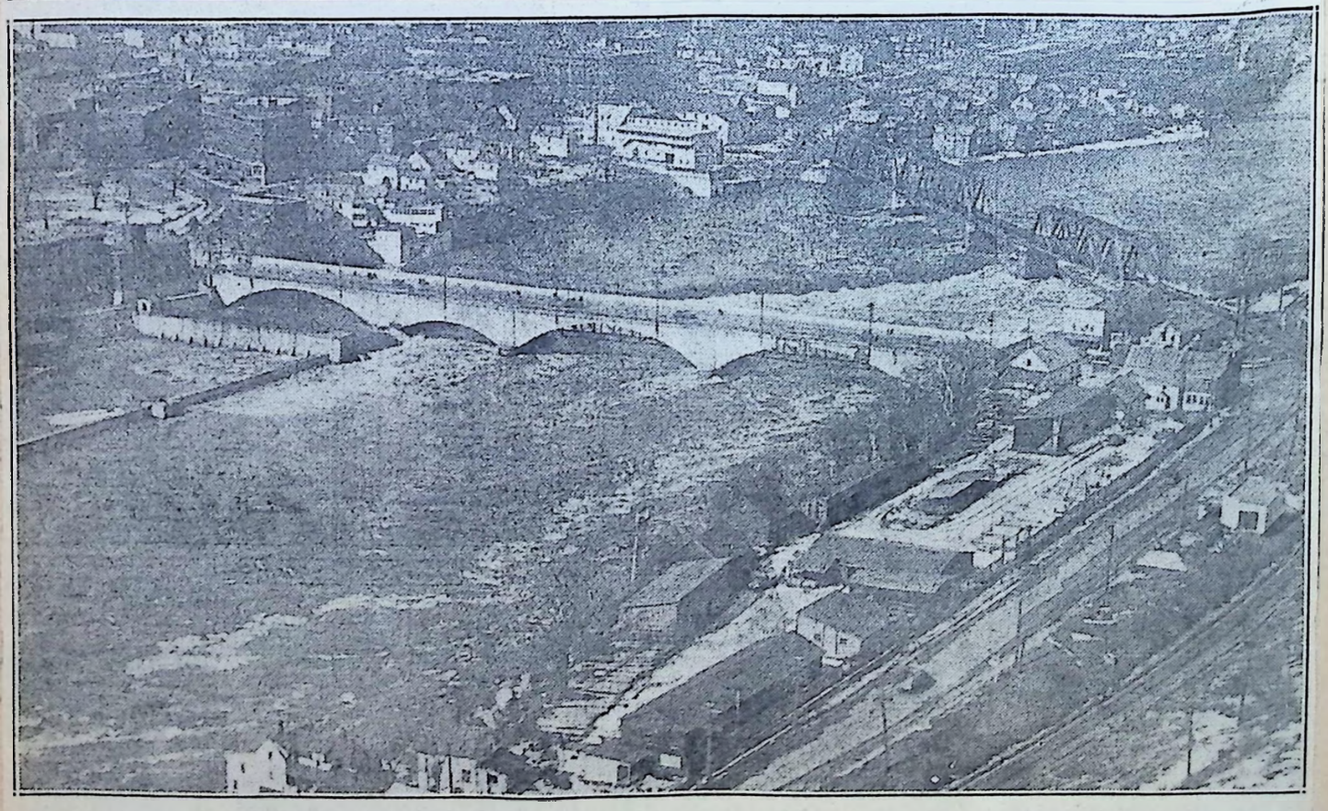
As The Saco River Rose Higher And Higher Thursday

At the left below, where the Saco has backed up a small creek and over the road from Bar Mills to Salmon Falls.

Air View Of Highway Bridge Carried Out At Waterville



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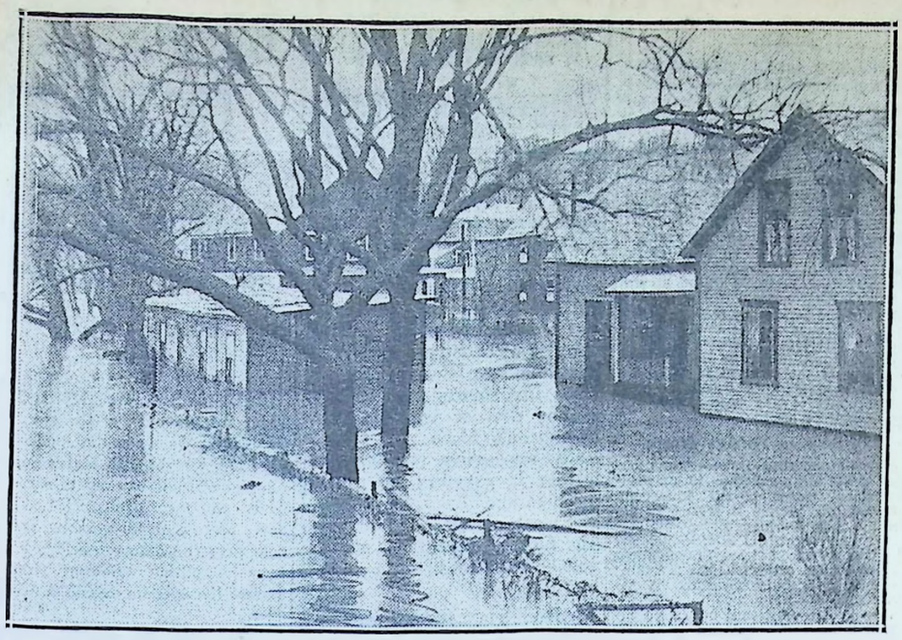
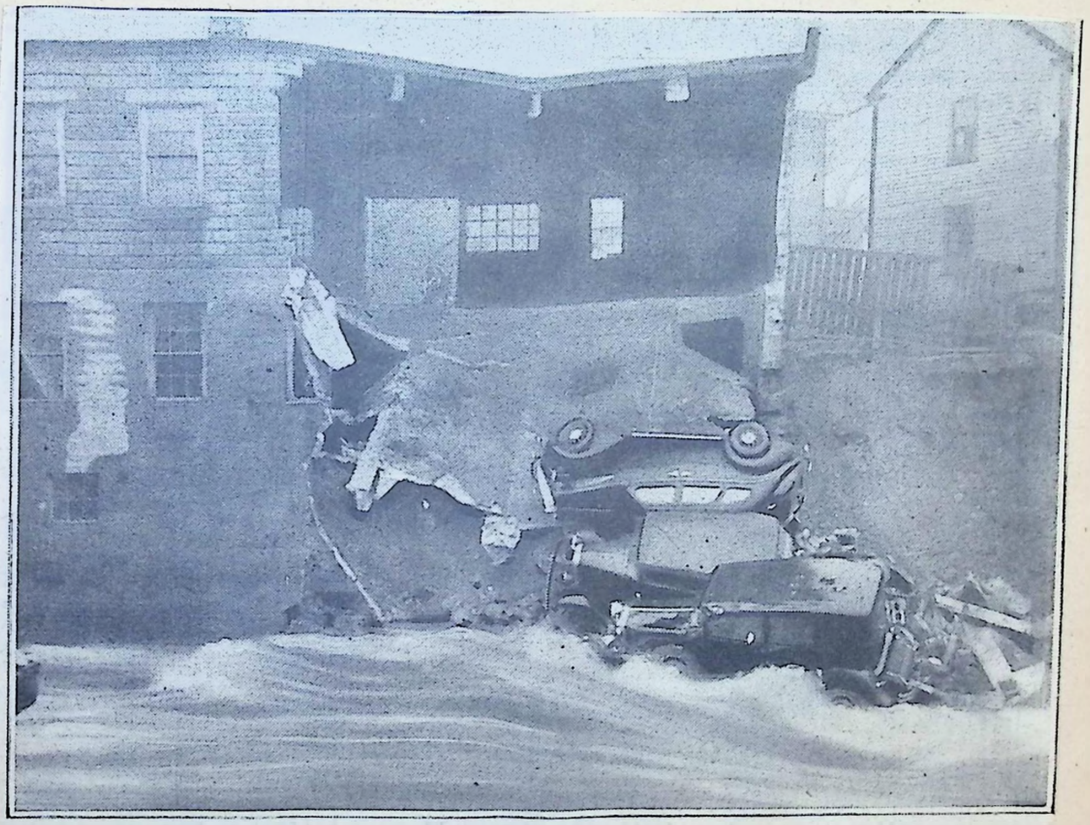
Airplane view showing in the center, the Ticonic Bridge between Waterville and Winslow, the middle span of which was swept away late Thursday night as it was struck by pulp wood and ice carried by the raging waters of the Kennebec River.

At the right of the Ticonic Bridge is the Maine Central Bridge, which was still standing at press time today, while in the background is the business district of Waterville, where waterfront buildings were endangered by high water.

WHITE RIVER INUNDATES JUNCTION



Here is a view of the flooded section of White River Junction, Vt., looking up the White River from the bridge.

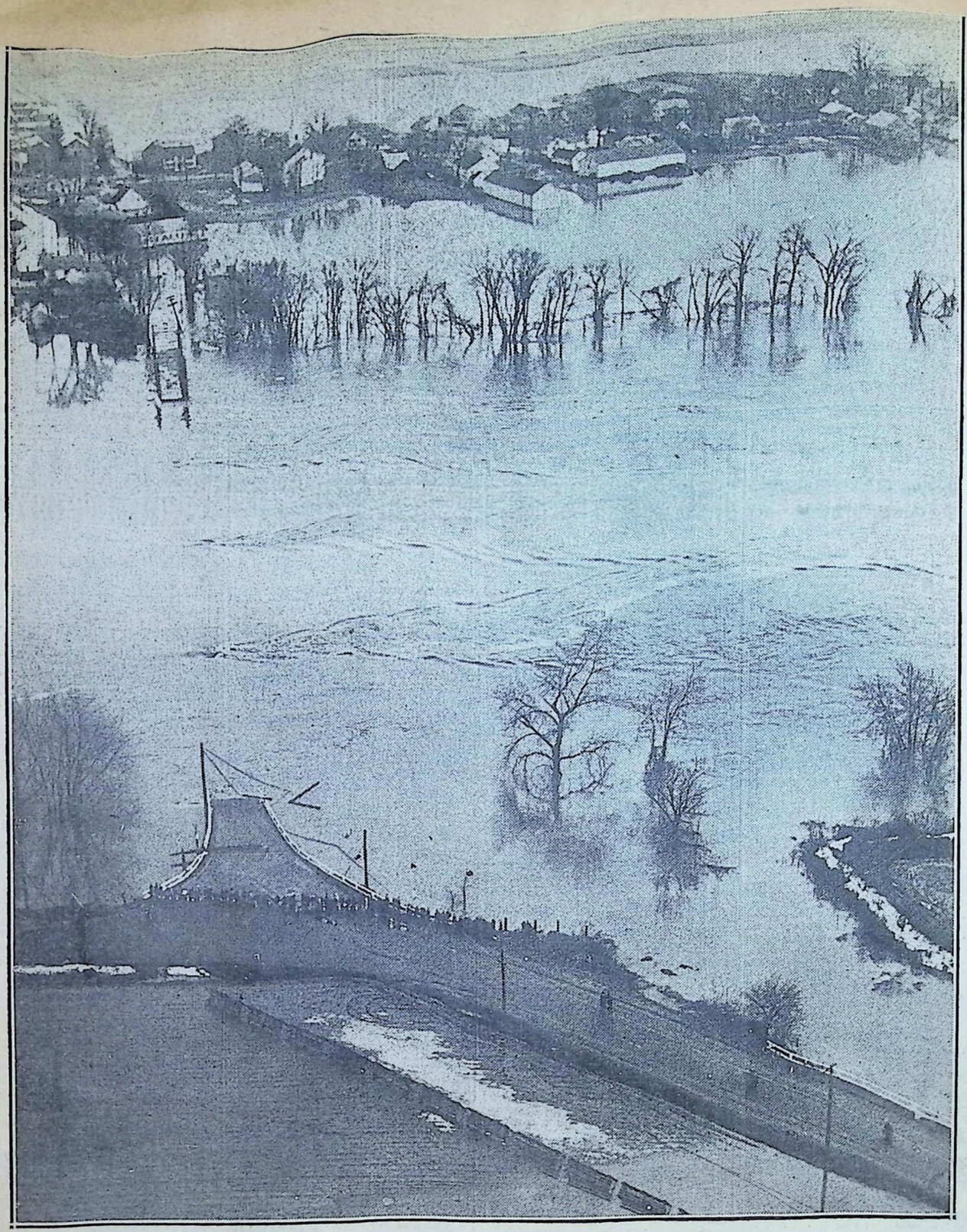


Garage Collapse in Rollstone street, Fitchburg, threw several new cars into the water. Note the half of an apartment house which was torn away by the raging torrents.

(International News Photo)

OVER 100 BRIDGES GO OUT IN MAINE

7000 Homeless as Androscoggin and Kennebec Continue Rampage--- Cities Without Lights



ONCE A BRIDGE SPANNED THESE WATERS

The power of flood waters is demonstrated here. A plane flying over Deerfield discovered the scene as the mighty Connecticut tore down its course and flowed far over its banks. South Deerfield is on the side near the lower part of the picture. Across the river is Sunderland. (Photo by Edwin T. Ramsdell, Post photographer.)

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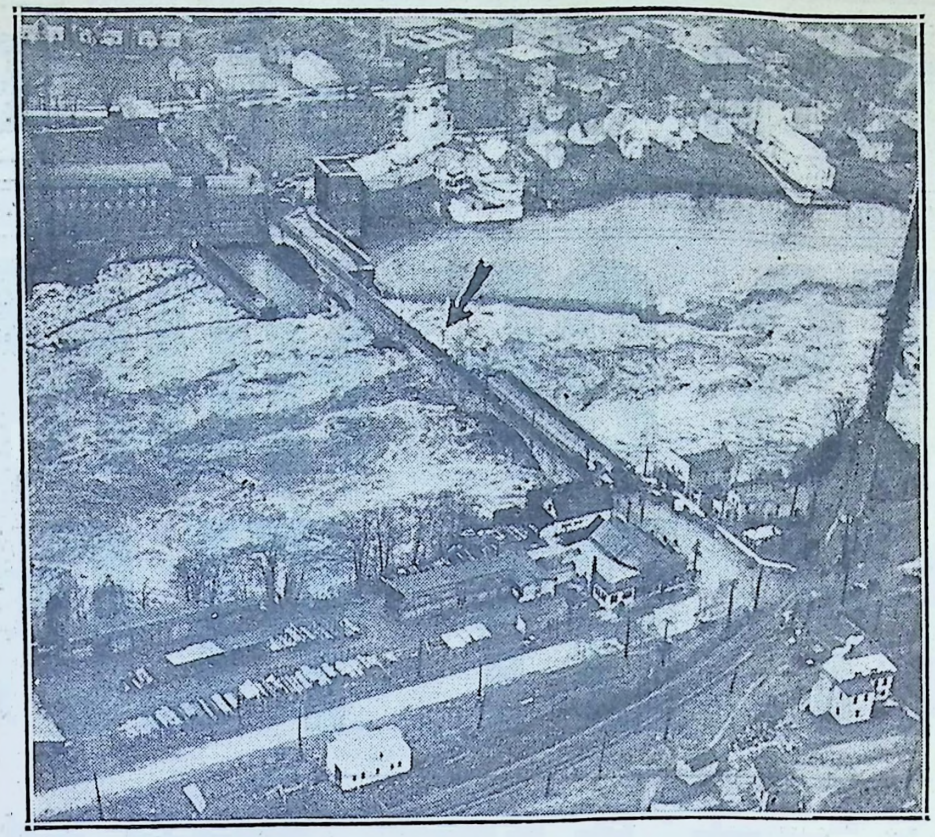
JUST AFTER PART OF IT WAS CARRIED AWAY

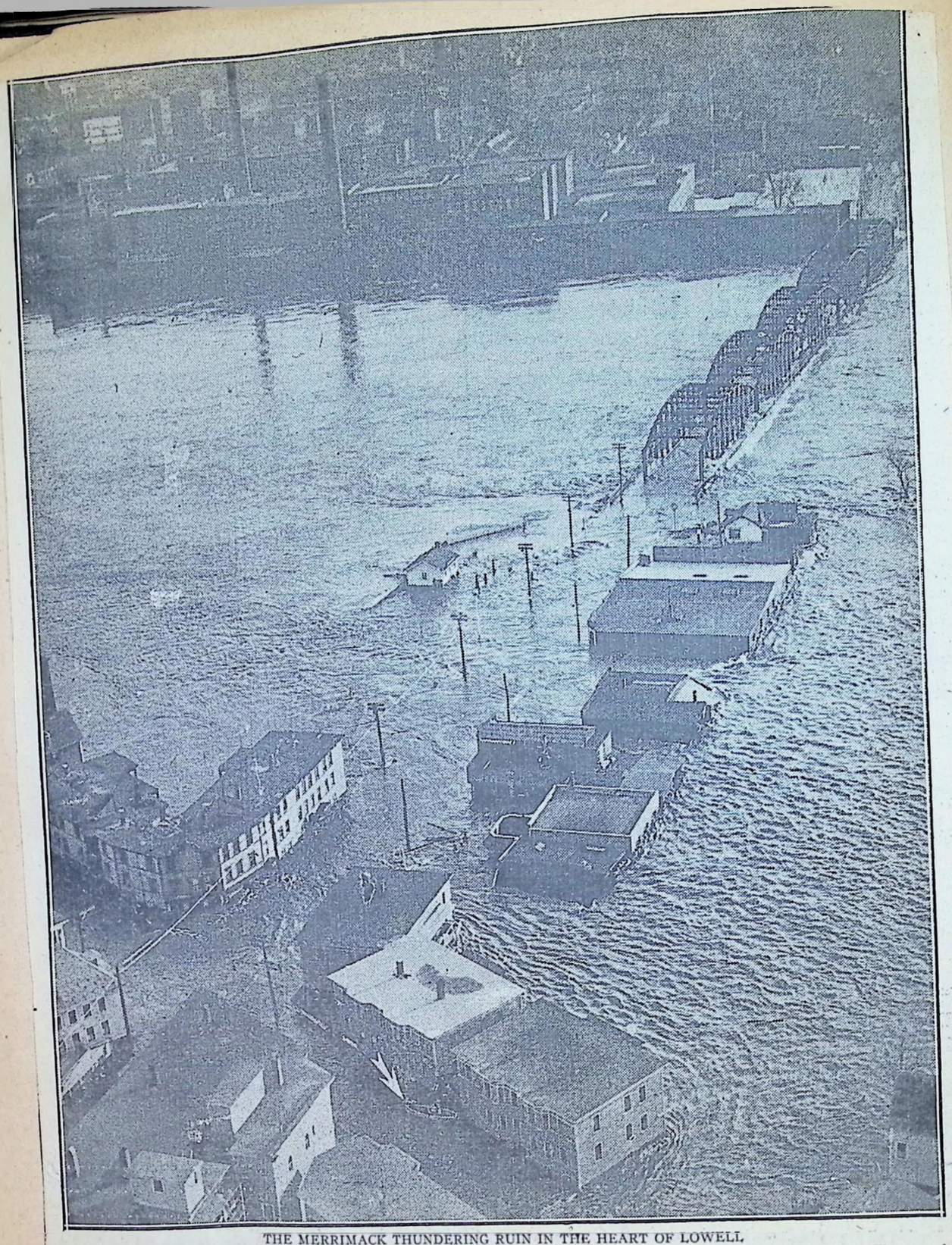


When the camera clicked to record this picture it was only a few seconds after part of the Lewiston-Auburn bridge in Maine had been carried away by raging flood waters. The arrow indicates the section of the bridge swept away by the Androscoggin River (Photo by Edwin T. Ramsdell, Post photographer.)

LOWELL'S $1,000,000 WAR MEMORIAL IN FLOOD

This shows the great municipal building at Lowell surrounded by the flood waters of the Merrimack River yesterday. This is the city's most elaborate building on its busiest street.

Rumford To Get Press Heralds Today, First Delivery Of Any Kind In 2 Days



THE MERRIMACK THUNDERING RUIN IN THE HEART OF LOWELL

This air view shows graphically the wrack and ruin being inflicted on the great industrial city by the flood ridden Merrimack River. The arrow in the lower part of the picture shows a boat taking people out of the windows of a house. This is the bridge connecting the business section of Kearney square with the Lakeview avenue and Centralville sections. (Photo by Edwin T. Ramsdell, Post photographer.)

Telephone Employes' Heroism Keeps Service Open In Maine

Acts of heroism by employes aided the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to maintain communication between flood swept communities in Maine during the turbulent hours of Thursday and Friday.

At Rumford seven operators remained at their posts from early Thursday morning until early Friday morning and were the only persons on the "island" besides National Guardsmen and workmen when the business district was evacuated. When the power went off Thursday night they worked by candle and lamp light.

But two important breaks occurred in the telephone service. One came when the emergency lines from Portland to Rumford and from Lewiston

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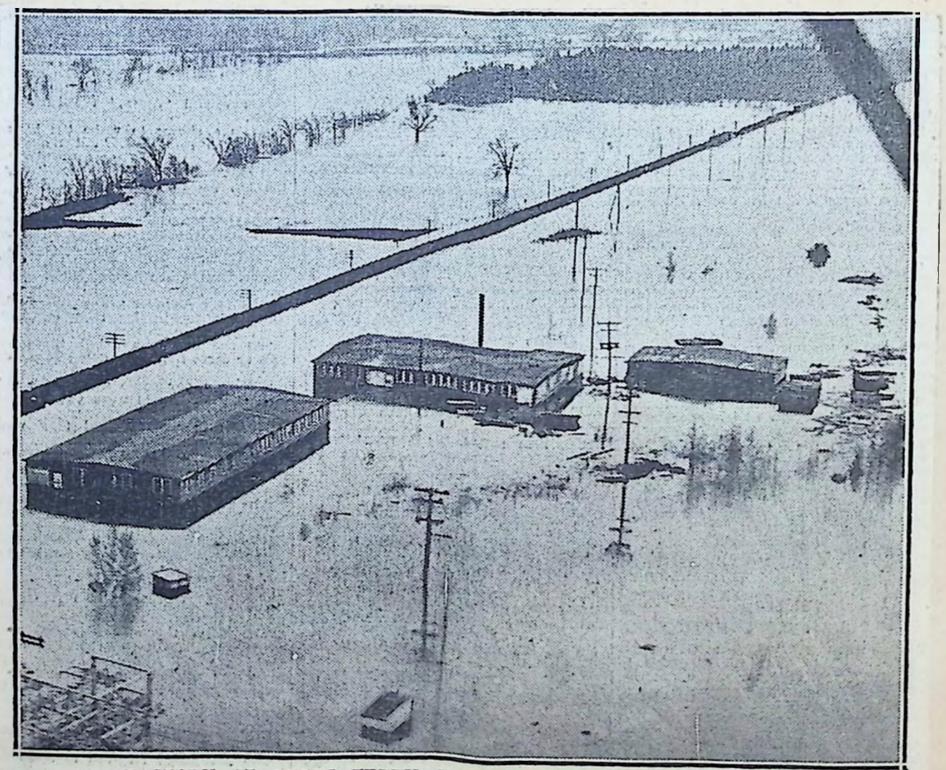
Ravages of Flood in New Hampshire

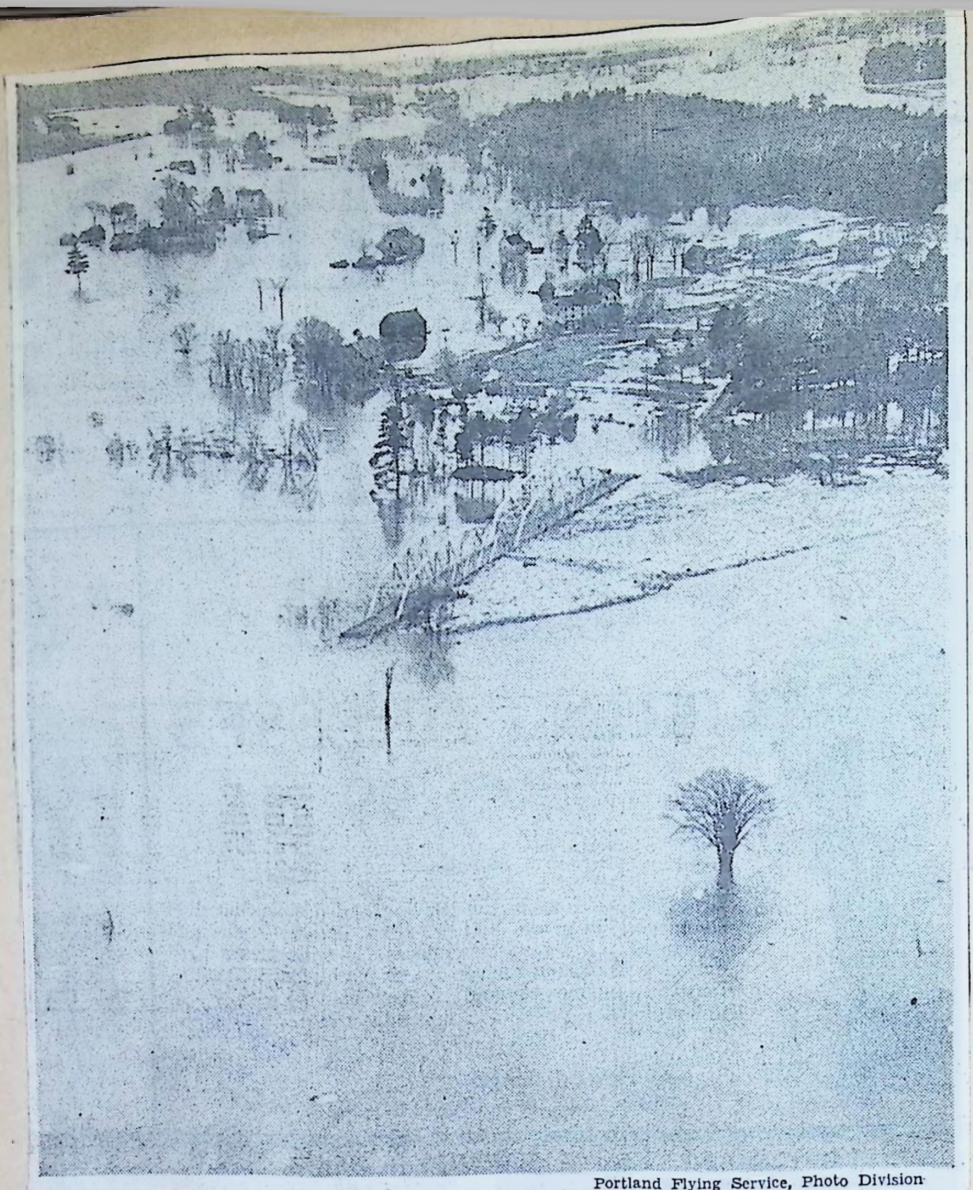
NASHUA, N. H., HOMES FLOOD-BOUND

scene just north of the city, showing homes that have been abandoned. They were badly damaged by the flood waters of the Merrimack River. (Photo by Edwin T. Ramsdell, Post photographer.)



FACTORY AT REEDS FERRY, N. H., SURROUNDED BY WATER

An air view of a factory at Reeds Ferry as the flood waters cut it off from the rest of the world. The Merrimack was in its worst mood at this point. (Photo by Edwin T. Ramsdell, Post photographer.)



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The flooded village of Gilbertville in the town of Canton as seen from the air. The railroad station is the building in the center in front of the cluster of pines while the two-span bridge with its approaches flooded shows the limits usually occupied by the river. An ice jam is caught back of the bridge. The picture was taken looking toward the village of Canton.

RAILROAD STATION IN A LAKE

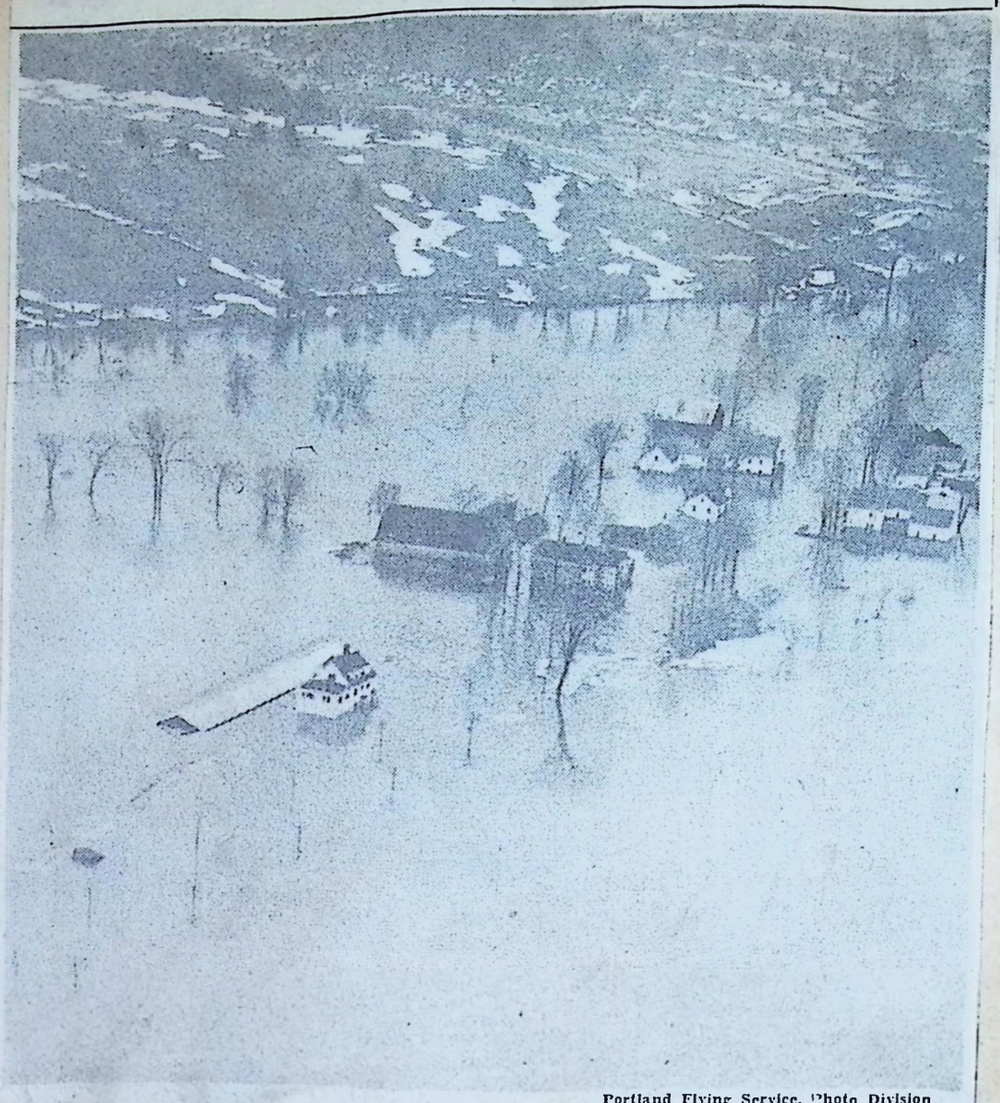
ere is the railroad station at Plymouth, N. H., where there is no chance of getting a train. Note the forlorn looking baggage truck on the platform.

Bridge At Dixfield Threatened By Androscoggin

Portland Flying Service, Photo Division

View of a section of Dixfield from the air showing where the Androscoggin River has flooded one approach to the highway bridge, risen perilously near to the bridge itself and overflowed the lowlands near the river.

The Swollen Androscoggin Above Rumford



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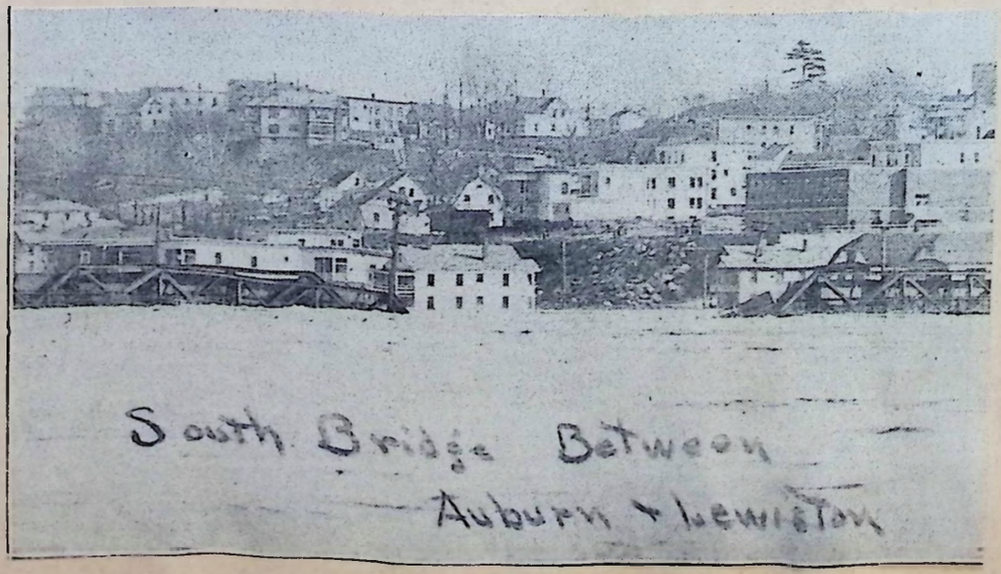
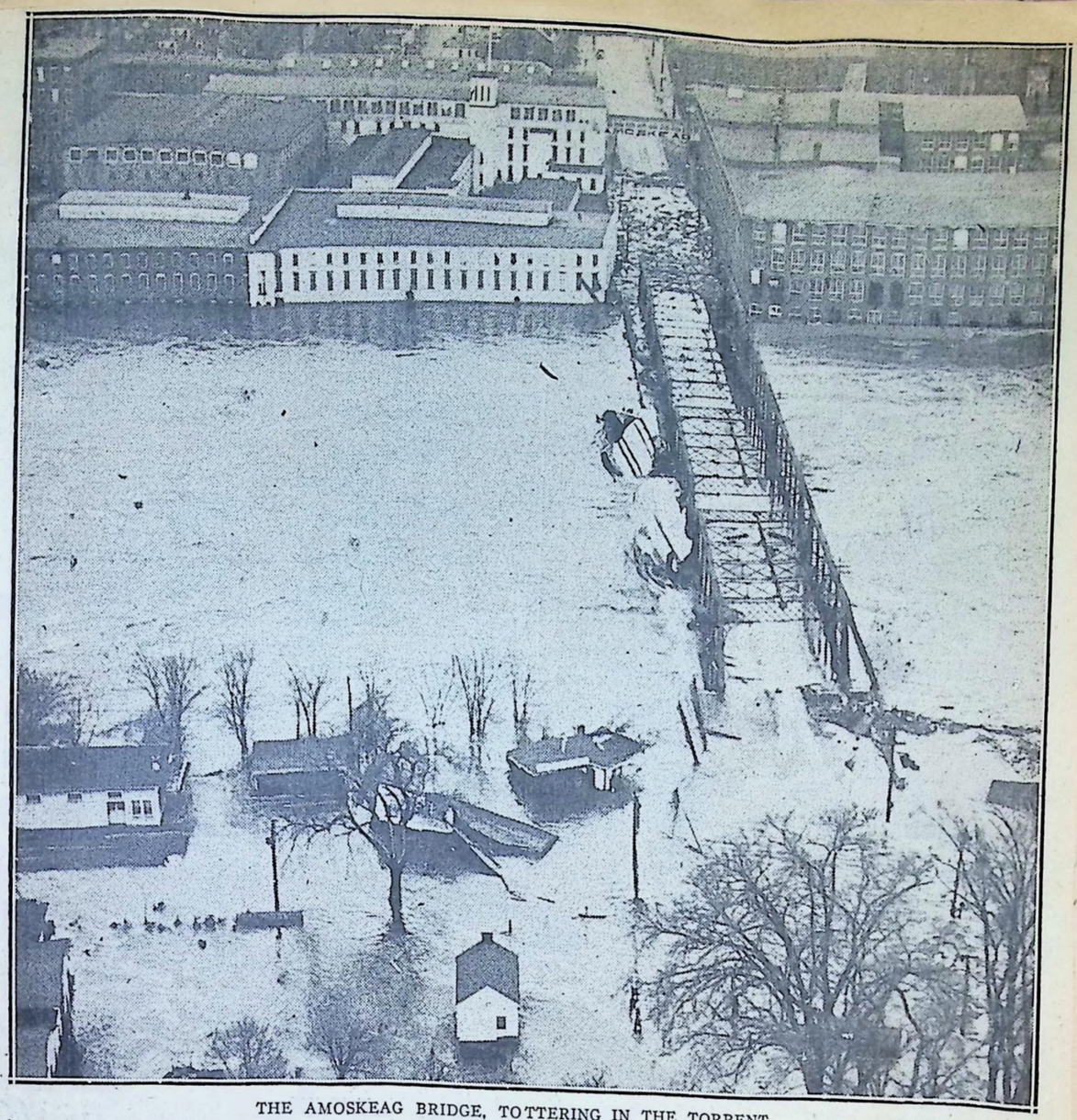
Air view of the flood waters of the Androscoggin River above Rumford. The long white building partly obscured by the white house at the right center is a greenhouse flooded to the roof. The two lines of poles running diagonally across the lower right marks the borders of a flooded road.

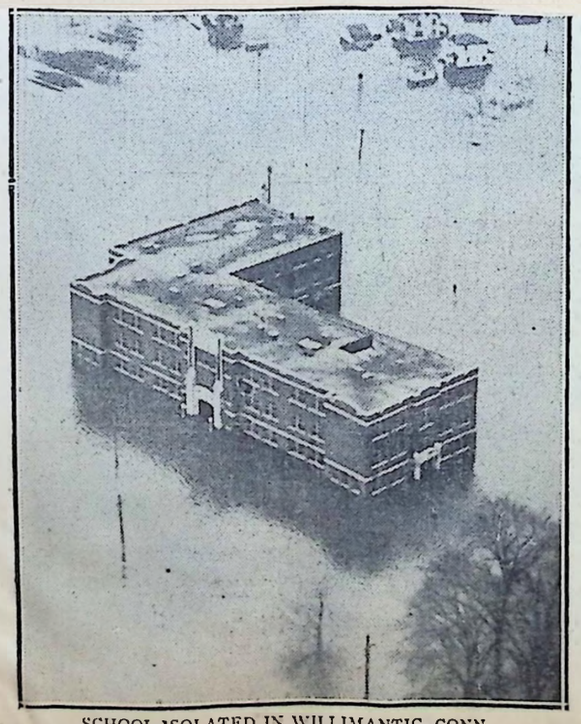


South Bridge Between
Auburn + Lewiston



THE AMOSKEAG BRIDGE, TOTTERING IN THE TORRENT

This air view was made over the flood waters of the Merrimack River at Manchester, N. H., yesterday and shows the bridge over the river at the gigantic Amoskeag plant. The bridge is shown as it was straining rushing waters through it, catching the wreckage which was brought down from the hills and was rushing onward in the fantastic flood to the sea. (Photo by Edwin T. Ramsdell, Post photographer.)



SCHOOL ISOLATED IN WILLIMANTIC, CONN.

This aerial view shows a school entirely cut off by the flood waters in Willimantic, Conn., yesterday.

Martial Law Is In Effect At Rumford

PENOBSCOT IS NEARING PEAK

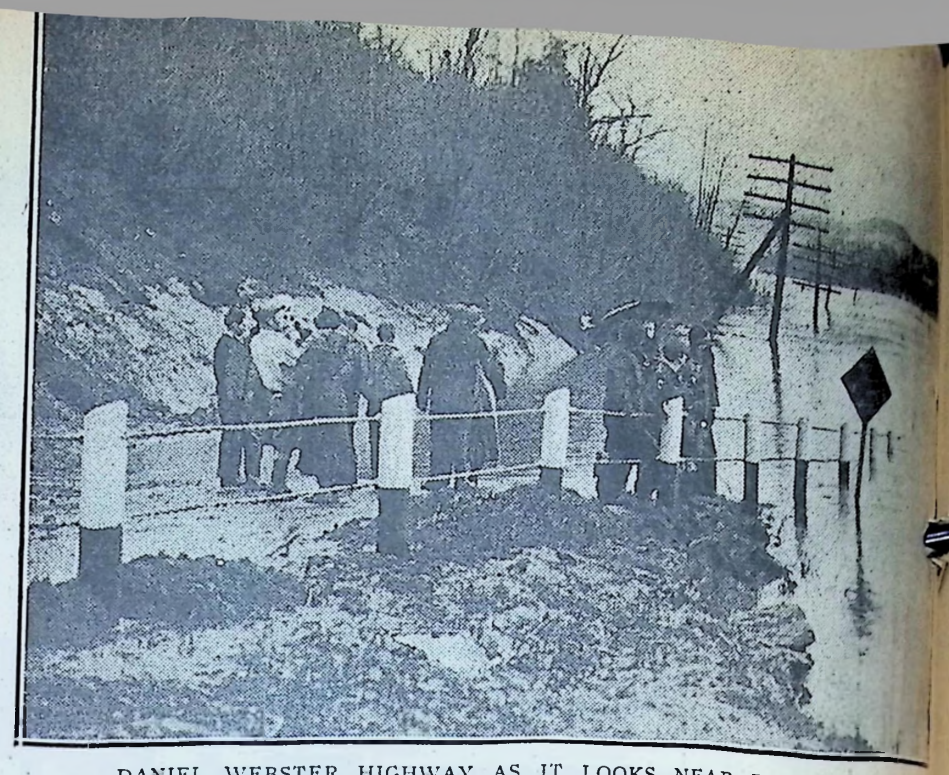
Col. Bisbee Directing Property Protection And Relief Supplies

MILLERS RIVER RAGING THROUGH ATHOL

The photo shows Millers River, ordinarily a tranquil trout stream, raging through Athol as it washed out four houses and caused over $250,000 damage.

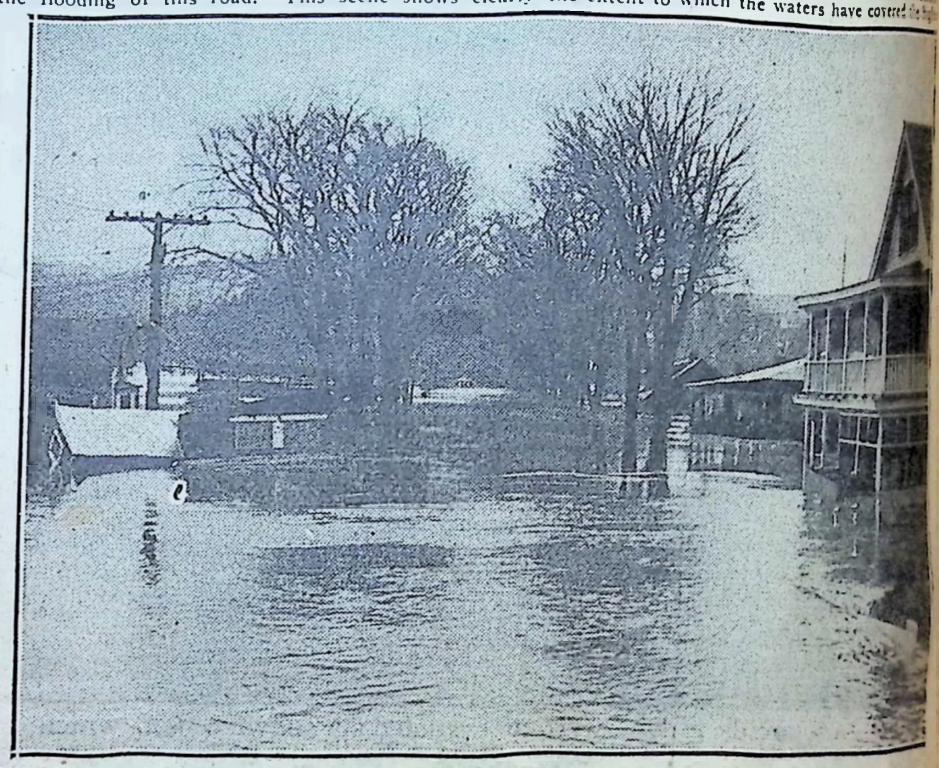
CONDITIONS IN TOWNS OF STATE

Reports to State Police Give Loss to Roads, Dams, Bridges and Number Made Homeless



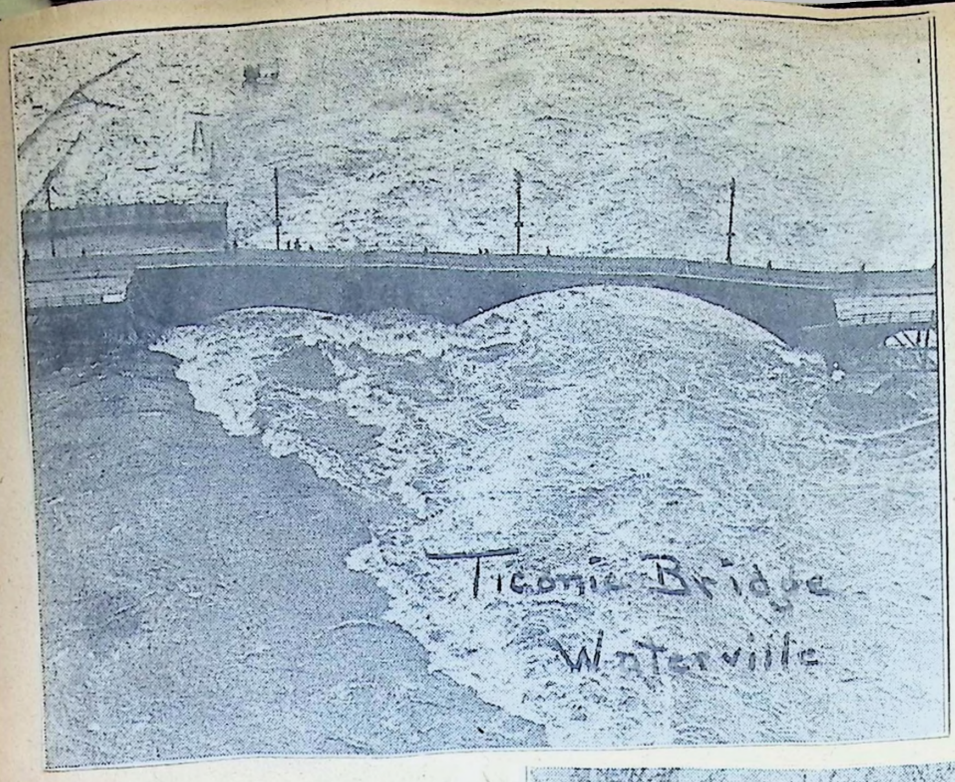
DANIEL WEBSTER HIGHWAY AS IT LOOKS NEAR PLYMOUTH, N. H.

More than 20 feet of water covers the famed New Hampshire thoroughfare. Plymouth is cut off [illegible] the flooding of this road. This scene shows clearly the extent to which the waters have covered [illegible]



WHAT FLOOD DID TO ONE OF THE STREETS IN PLYMOUTH, N. H.

Street scene in Plymouth where the flood waters of the Pemigawasset River caused great damage. This view of River street near the baseball park, showing clearly the depth of the flood waters.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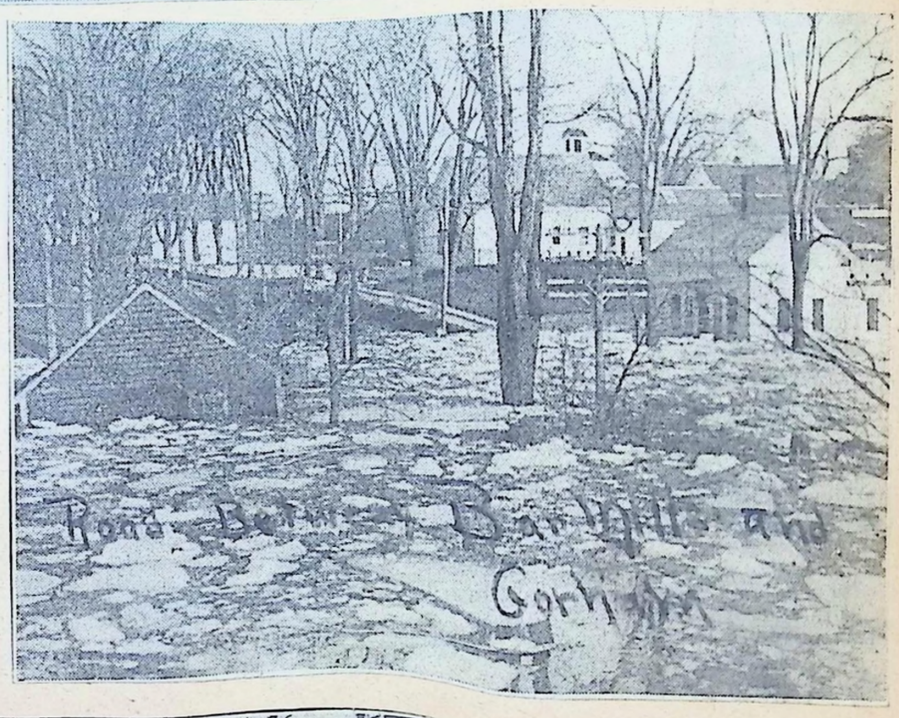
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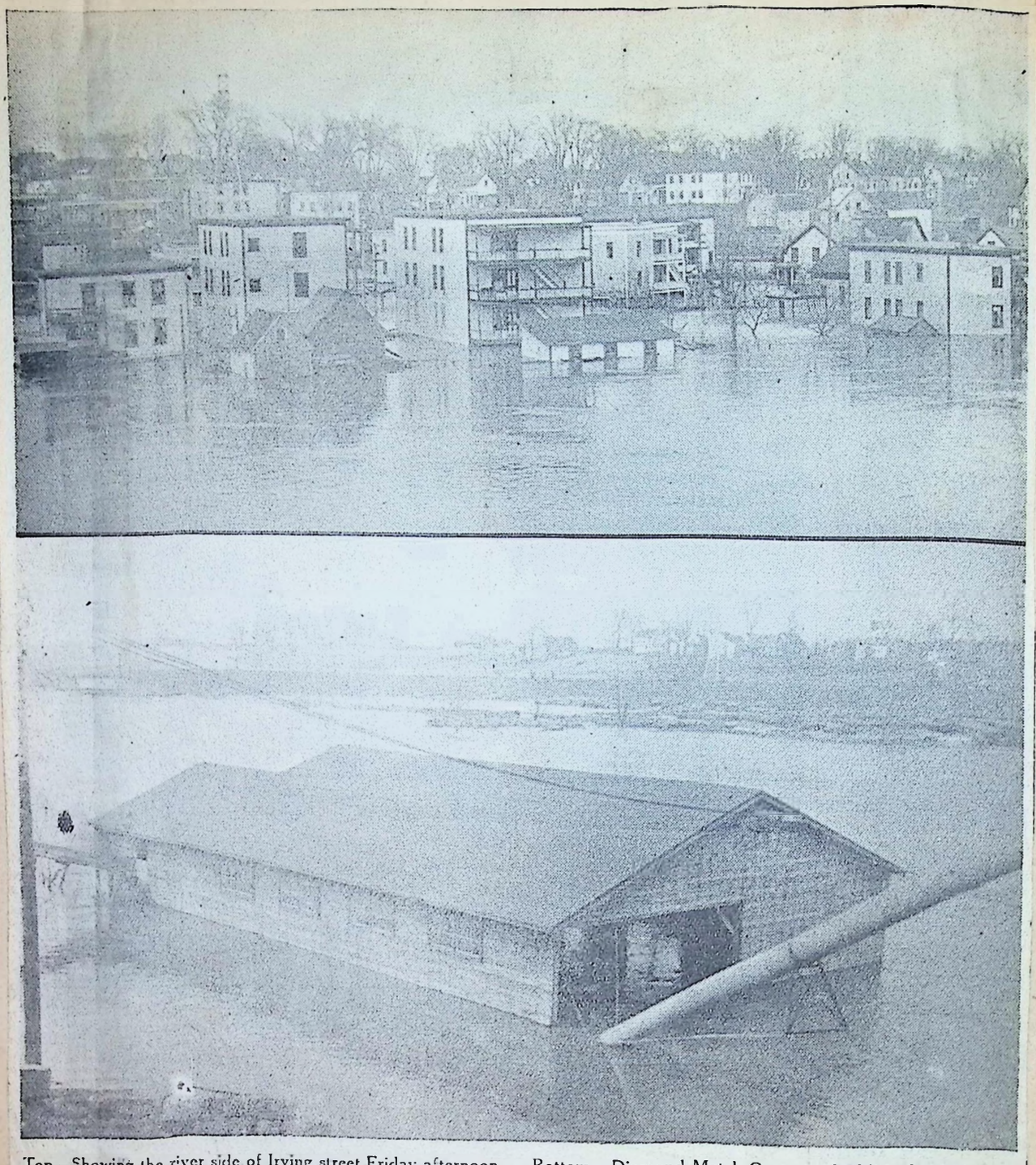
HIGH WATER AFTERNOON OF MARCH 21, NEAR SPRINGS ISLAND



Top—Showing the river side of Irving street Friday afternoon. Bottom—Diamond Match Company building, located in the yard above the main plant. The building is some distance from the river bank under normal conditions.

WHERE THE FLOOD BEGAN.—Deeply frozen ground beneath a record snowfall, water courses under thick coats of ice and the early arrival of a spring thaw and heavy rains, combined to send disaster out of the hills and down the rivers, spreading destruction far up the banks and tearing out strong steel bridges. Picture shows the Richmond-Dresden toll bridge across the Kennebec River, Me., being carried down stream on top of ice cakes.

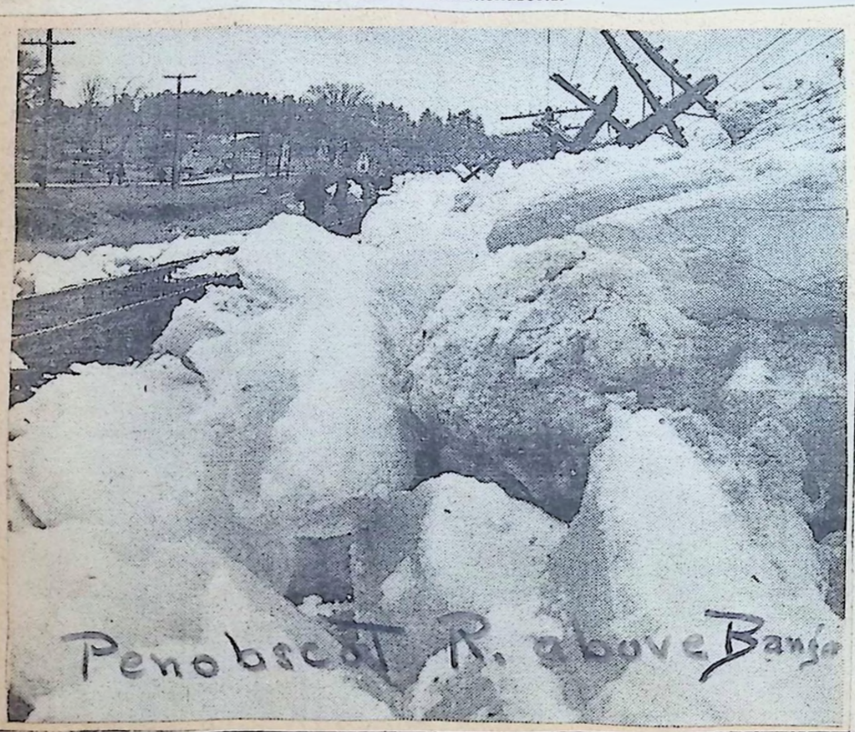
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THIS WAS A HILL

ee that little figure in the entre of the picture? That's rofessor Nichols, the Tufts ollege geologist, standing here Nichols' Hill used to be Moscow, Me. But now that e flood has finished with it, hey'd better rename it Nichols' Gulch.

The dropping waters left behind a strange collection of watersoaked materials. Anything im aginable that would float came down the flood. This picture shows debris on the Hadley bridg in Central Massachusetts.

Water Street Lives Up to Name

Even in Gardiner, Me., lots of people wondered how Water street got its name. They needed no explanation after seeing it as pictured above, shop window-high with the overflow from the Kennebec river during the floods that swept northeastern seaboard states.



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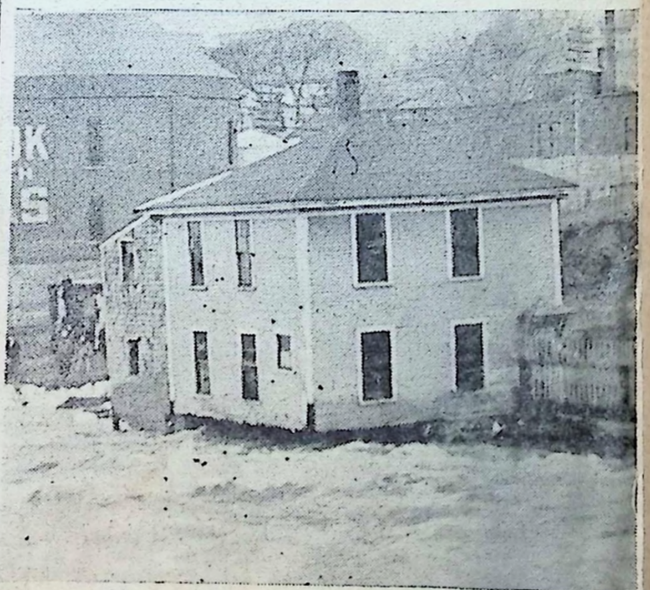


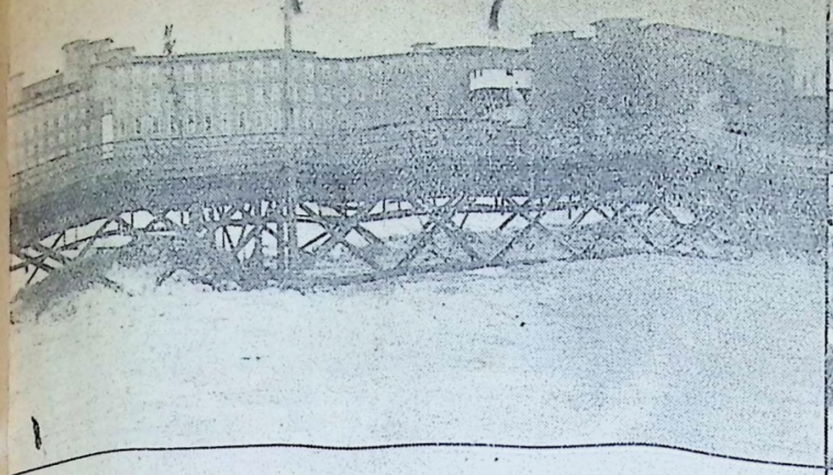
—By Staff Photographer.

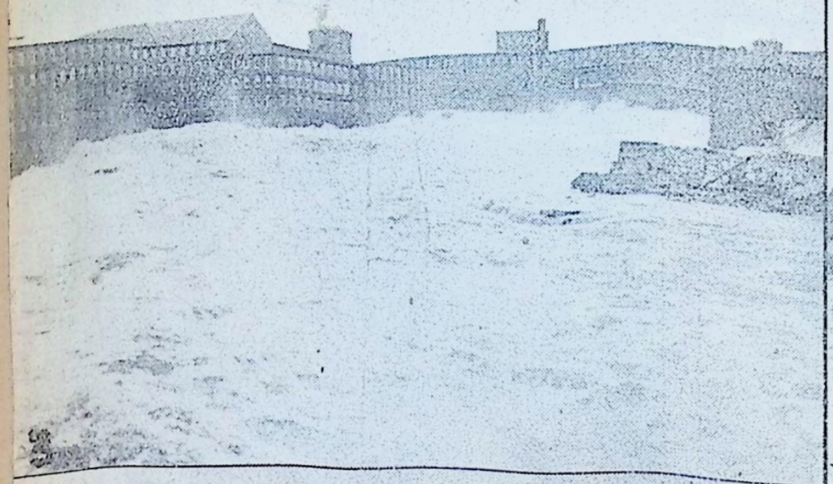
A building on Whites wharf showing how water has undermined it. Crowds were watching the house last night expecting that it would topple into the river.

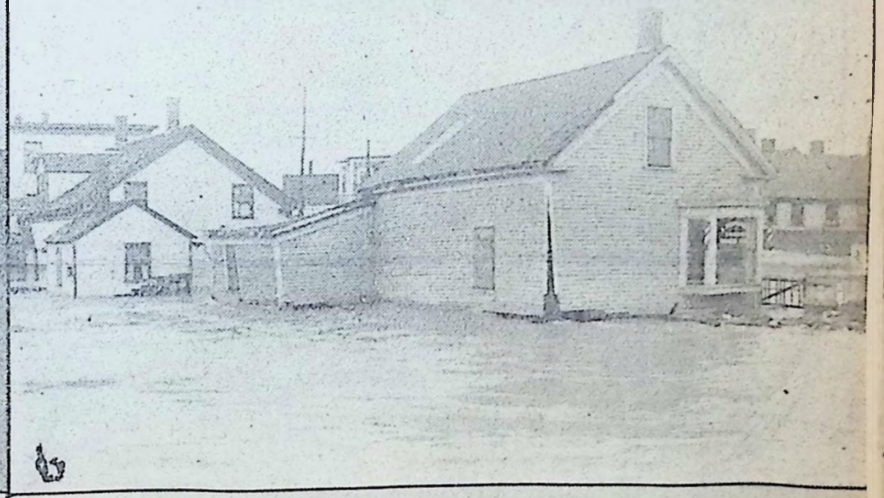
NO CHOO-CHOOS FOR A WHILE HERE

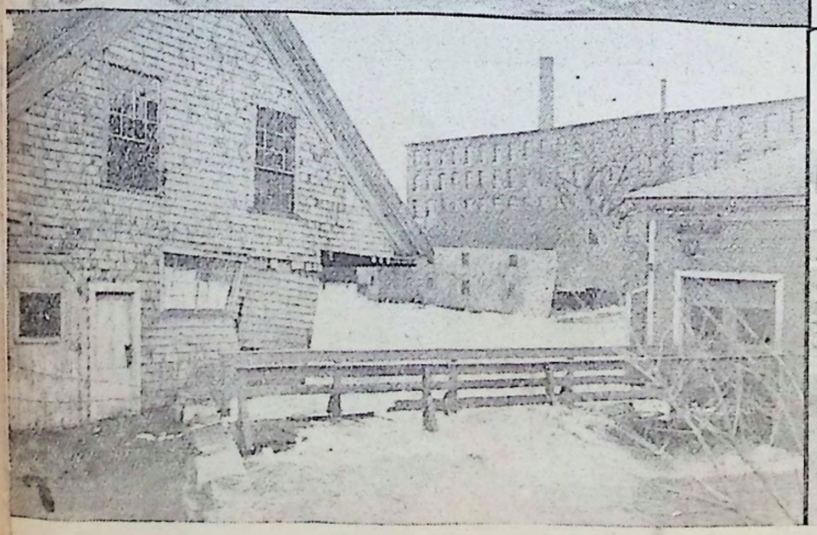
Railway tracks were buried beneath surging torrents that washed out ballast and shifted rails and ties far out of line. This scene is at Sewall's Falls, near Concord, N. H., where two miles of line was torn away.

Taken at its Peak Sunday Mar 22-









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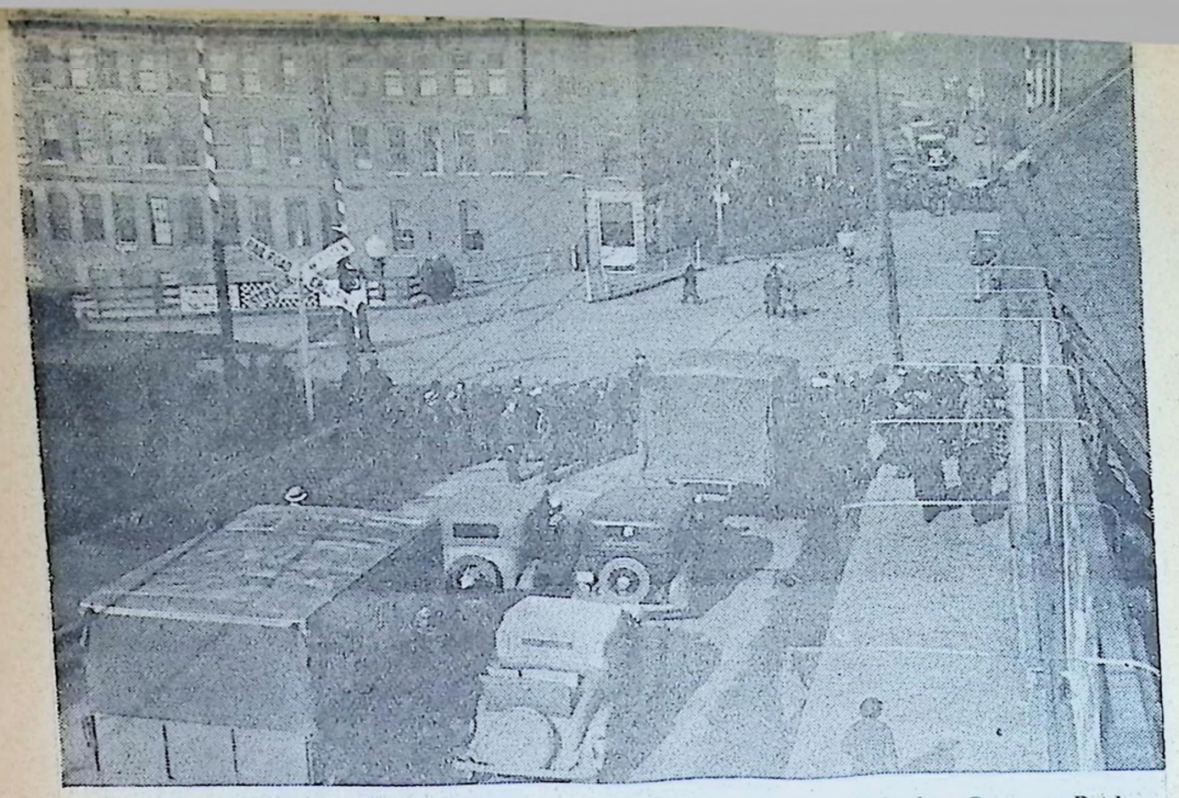
Disease Main Threat After Rivers Drop

Devastation Continues Along Saco River; Damage Mounts

10,000 PERSONS LEFT HOMELESS

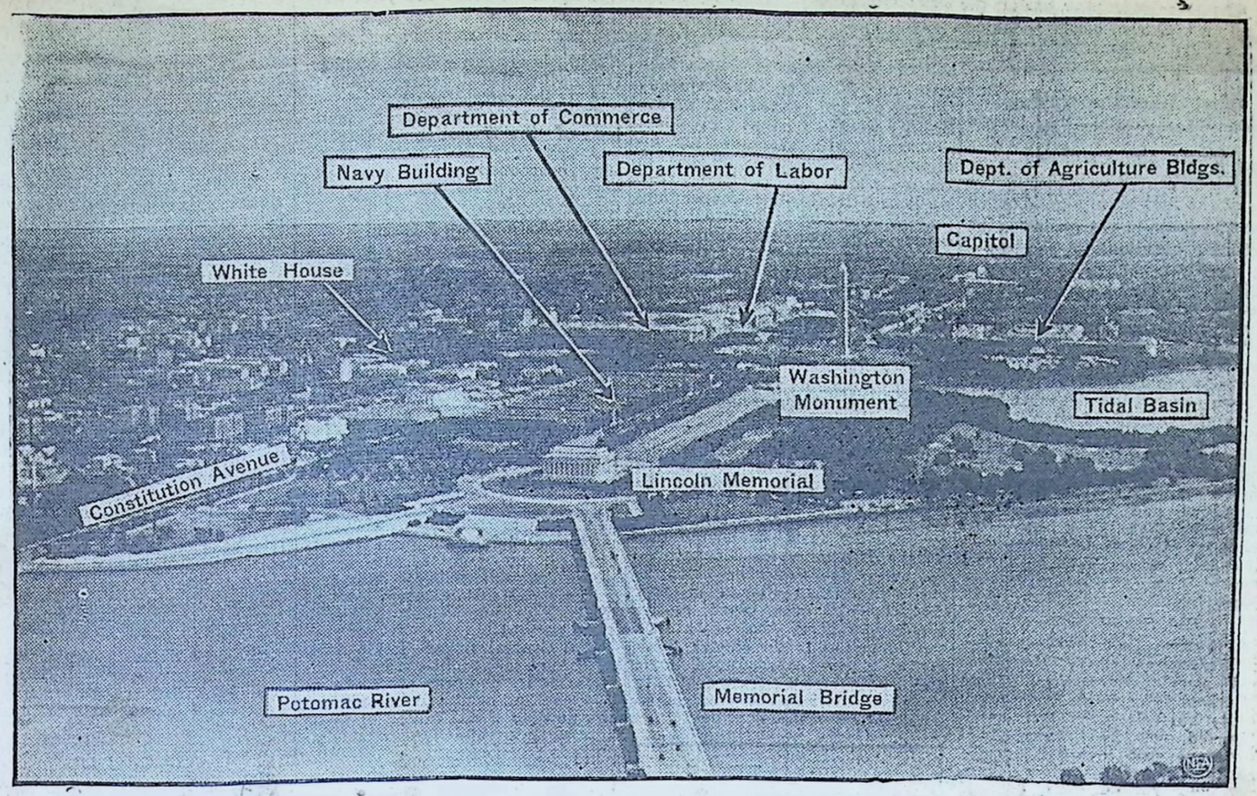
Brann Visits Rumford To Survey Relief Needs There



Traffic was badly jammed on Main street, Saco, during the period that Cataract Bridge was closed to traffic. At one time a line of cars nearly three miles long extended out on the Portland road.

No. 3—For the first time probably in its history the waters of the Sebasticook, now an angry torrent aroused from the apathy of centuries, licks within a few feet of historic Fort Halifax in Winslow. Workmen frantically seek to check the relentless advance of the maddened river with bags of sand and carloads of rock. The surrounding territory in this vicinity has been completely submerged, with roads several feet under the swirling currents.

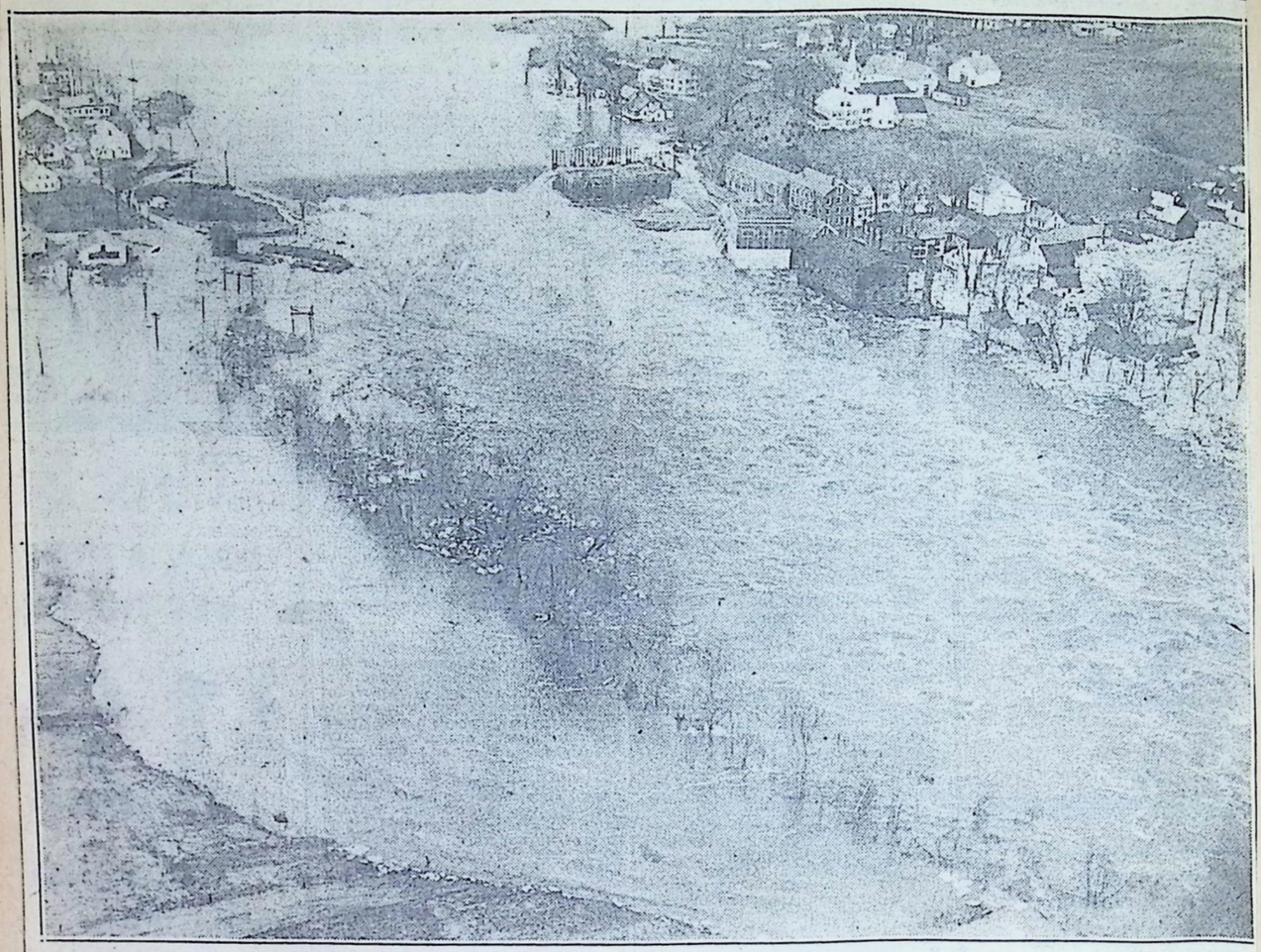
WASHINGTON SHRINES PERIL ED BY SWOLLEN POTOMAC



This airview of Washington, D. C., shows the region in which thousan ds of workers frantically raised dikes to protect historic shrines and federal offices from the waters of the swollen Potomac river. Govern ment offices on Constitution avenue moved files to second floors as trucks rumbled past, carrying materials for the dikes. The Tidal Basin, circled by the famous Japanese cherry trees, quickly rose over its banks, and flood waters lapped toward the famous Mall, the low-lying area between Washington monument and Capitol hill.

Relief workers are shown hastily building a dike near Washington to keep Potomac flood waters from the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. Low-lying areas of the capital were endangered as the river kept rising. (Associated Press Photo)

When The Saco River Is Unloosed On West Buxton



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Air view of West Buxton Village flooded by the waters of the Saco River. On the right or Buxton bank, just above the dam and behind the powerhouse, is the break which workmen were seeking to fill with rocks Sunday night. Water from the break was flowing through the village and down the River Road to Bar Mills, which runs parallel with the river at the right center. Houses there are flooded to the eaves. There is a similar break on the left, or Hollis, side of the river. One span of the bridge, which went out last week, is visible just below the powerhouse on the Buxton side.

Brann Views Damage At Biddeford And Saco En Route To Capital To Seek Aid

Holds Conference With Abrahamson And Red Cross And State Officials To Study Problems Of Rehabilitation

Special Despatch to The Press Herald

Biddeford, March 22—Gov. Louis J. Brann visited Biddeford and Saco today and paused to survey the damage caused by the rampaging Saco River in the two cities on his way to Washington to seek federal funds to help stricken Maine. In his party were State Comptroller William A. Runnells, Lucius D. Barrows, chief engineer of the State Highway Department, and William B. Deering, state budget officer.

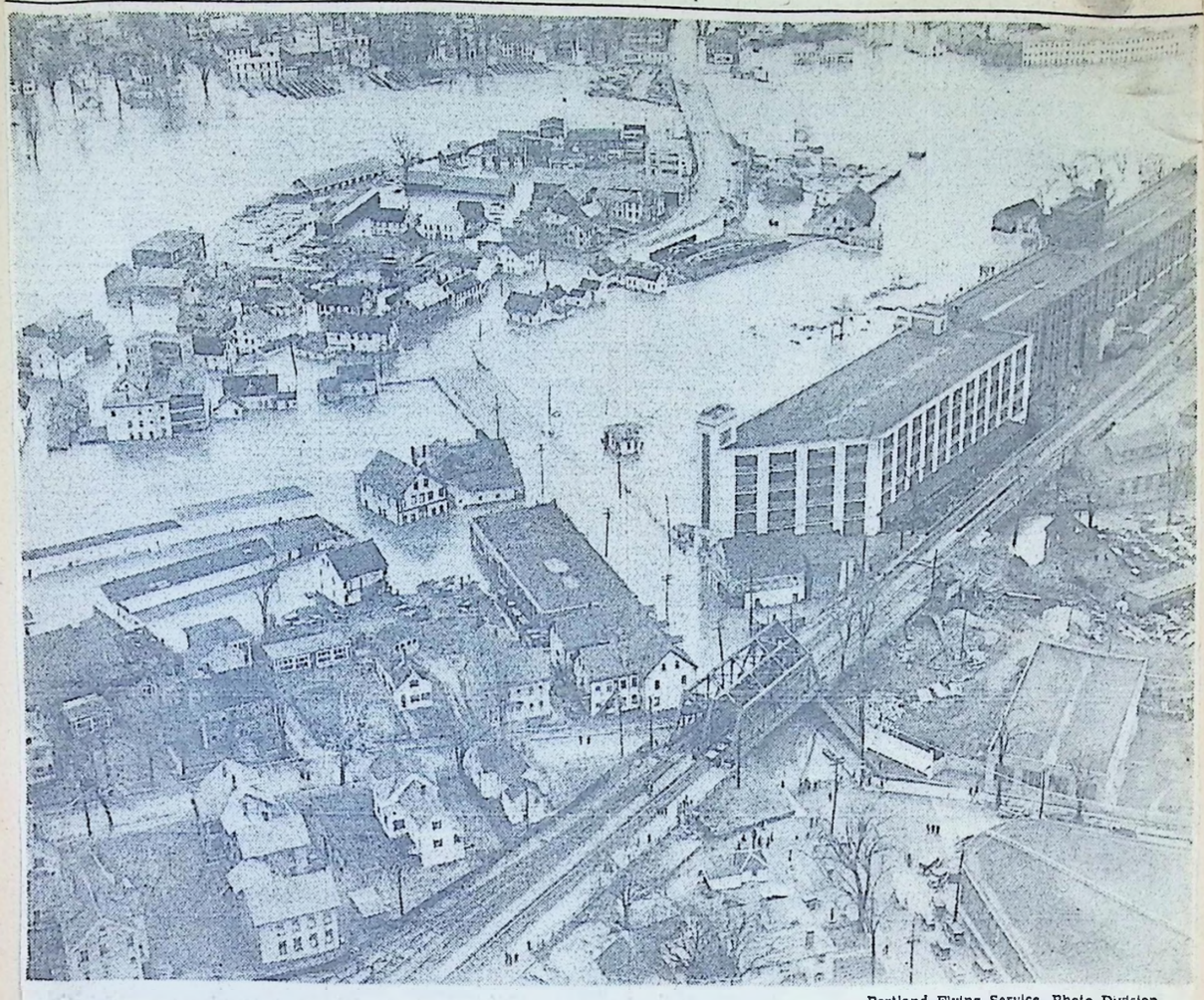
The Governor said that he will seek at least $10,000,000 federal aid for his stricken state.

Bridges between the two cities were closed to all traffic throughout the day but the Governor's automobile was let across the lower bridge on its important journey of mercy.

The Governor motored only as far as Boston, and entrained there for Washington.

When the Saco River tore around the dam at West Buxton Tuesday afternoon and spread destruction through the village on the Hollis bank, it tore large trees up by the roots, smashed them down on buildings and swept them down stream. Two uprooted elms are seen here, one in the foreground across the home of Silas Elgee, which later was swept away in the torrent, and another in the background.

Air View Reveals Damage In Biddeford-Saco Area



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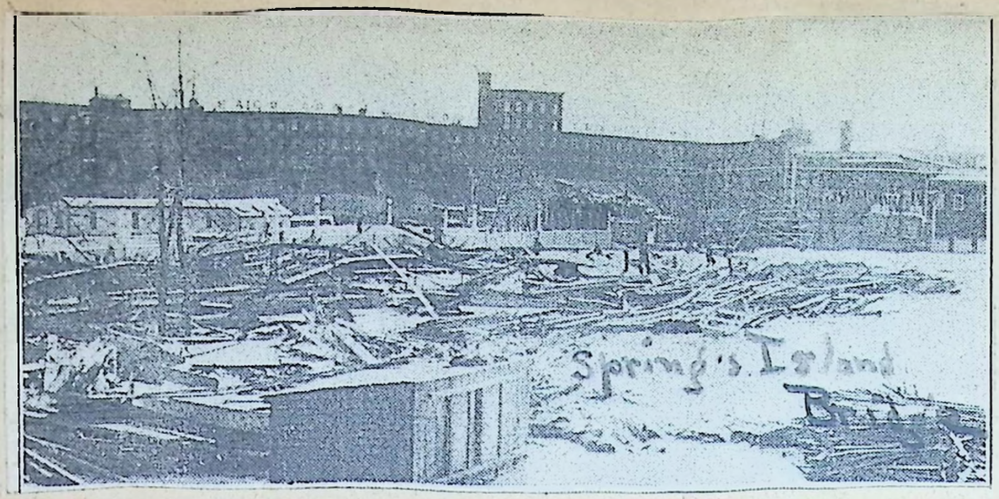
Aerial view, showing how the flooded Saco River has made hundreds of Biddeford and Saco families homeless and paralyzed industry in plants along the river.

This picture was taken looking across the river from Biddeford to Saco, with Spring's Island, completely isolated and its homes evacuated, in the middle of the river. At the right center is the large plant of the Saco-Lowell Company, its first floor under water. Elm Street runs diagonally from the lower right corner of the picture and flood waters are shown reaching beyond the Biddeford side of the railroad trestle over the street. Approaches to the Bradbury Bridge, in the center of the photo, are completely under water. The entire artery is closed to traffic, from the railroad trestle, across Spring's Island to the Saco end of the Spring's Island bridge, in the right center background.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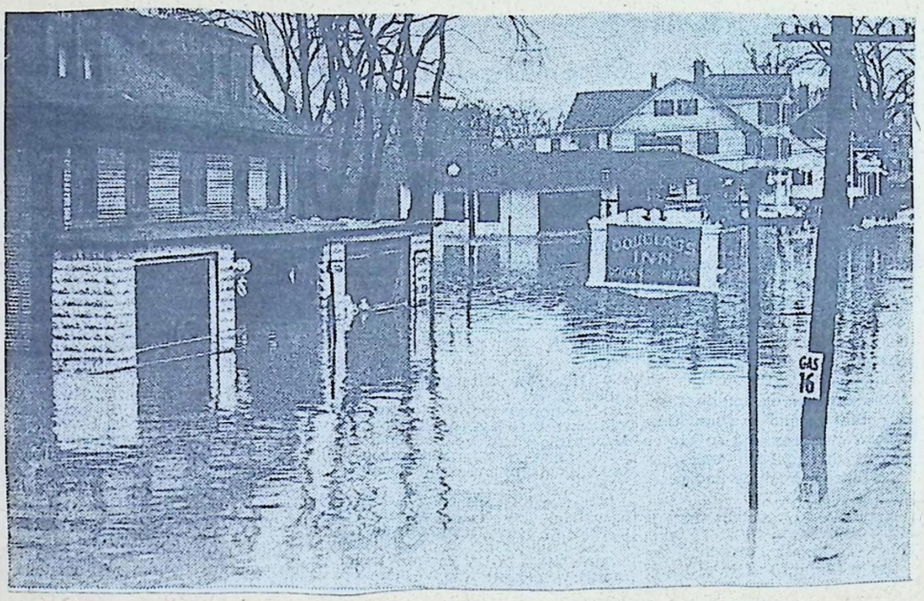
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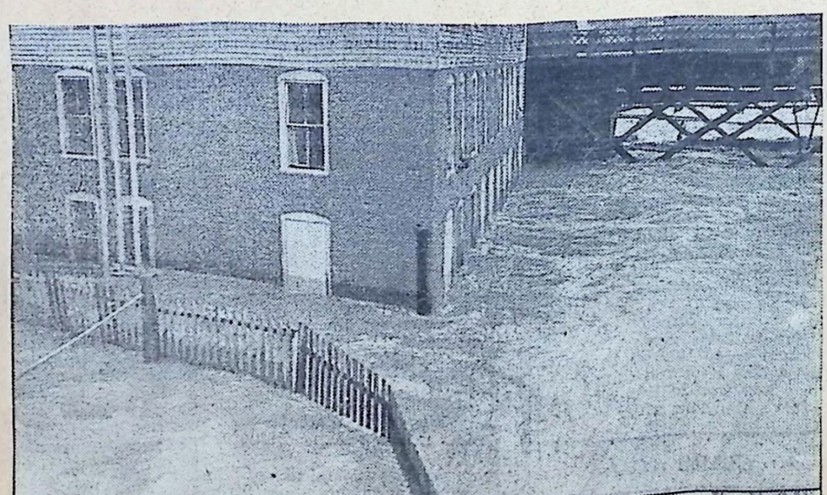

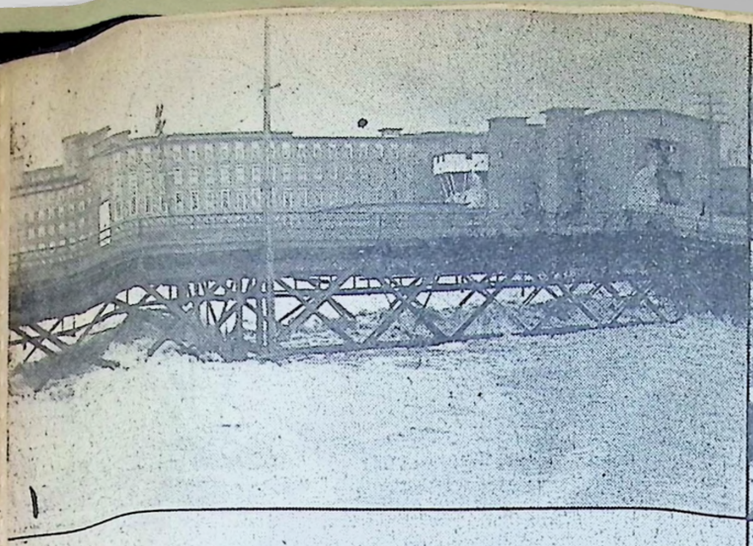

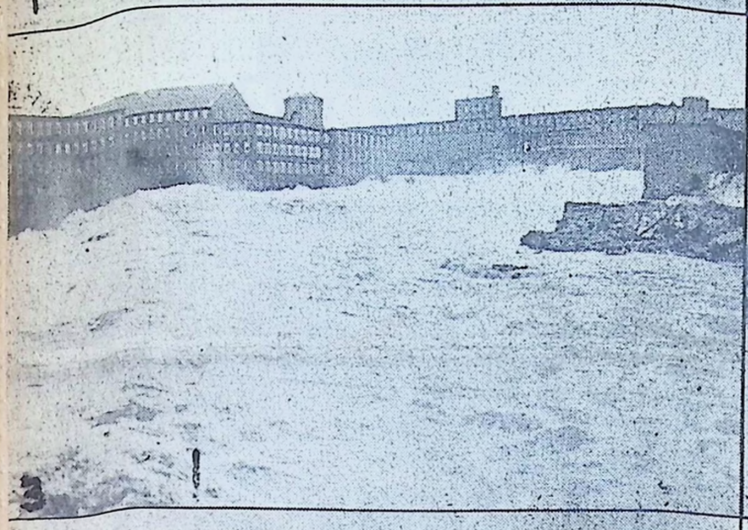

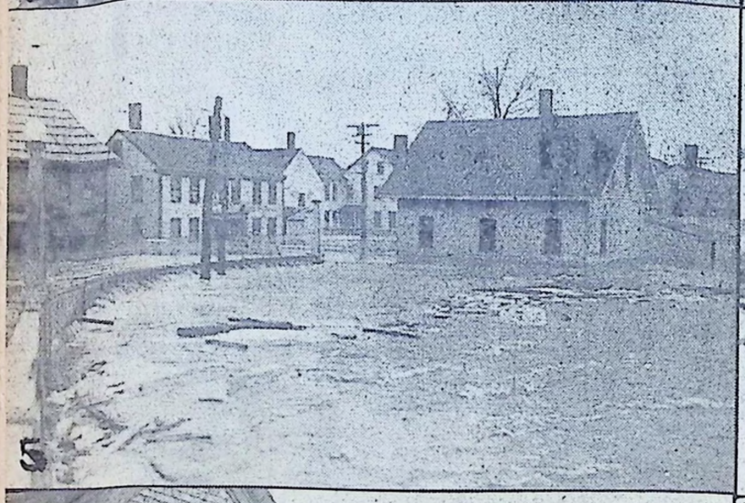

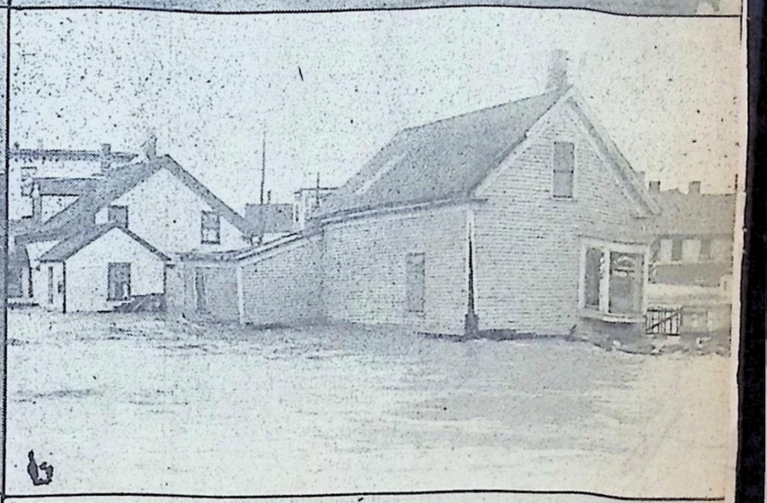

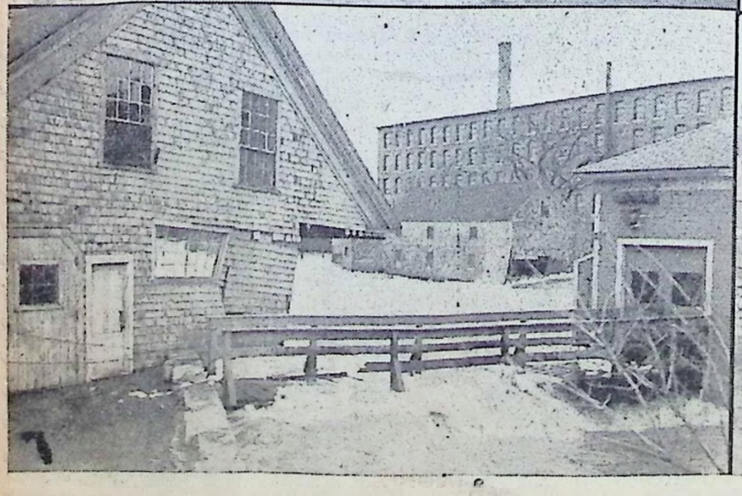

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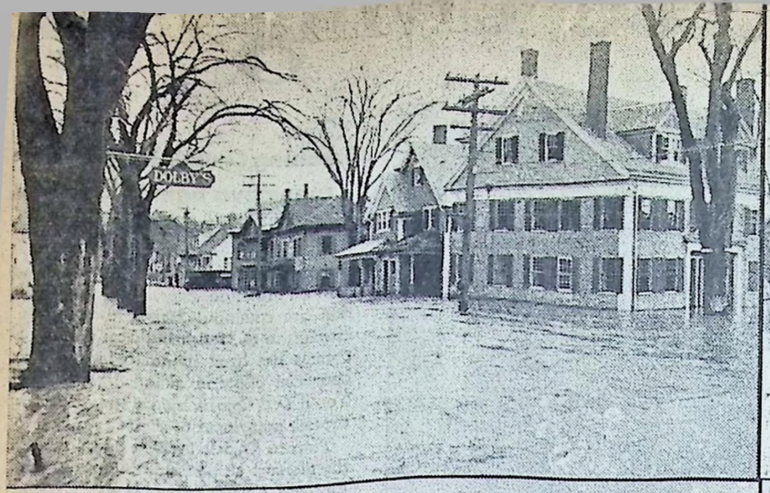

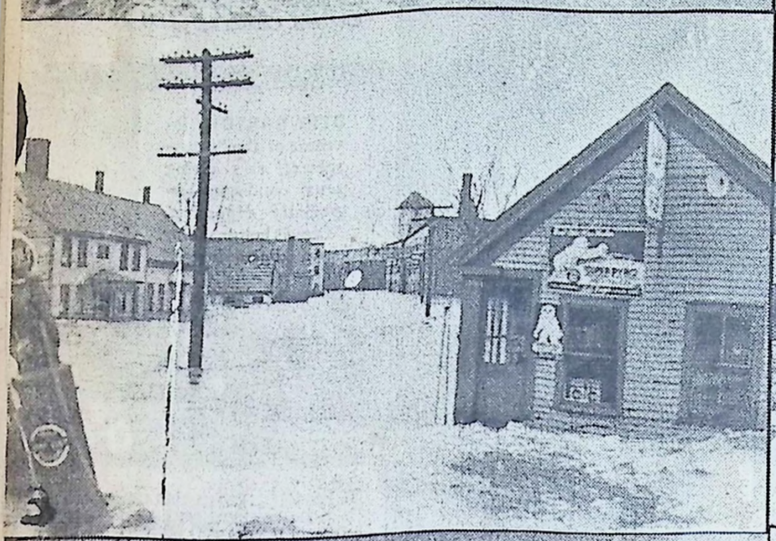

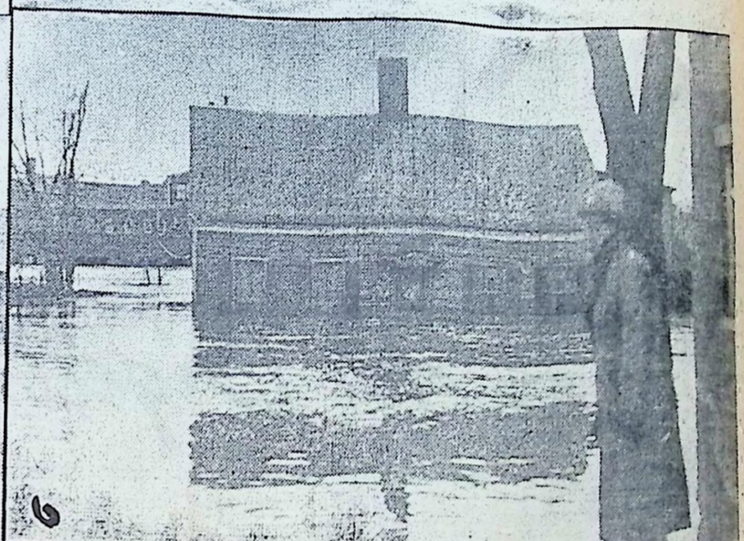

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No. 1. Elm street, Saco, looking easterly along the street. No. 2. Water street, Saco, view taken from Main street, Saco. No. 3. Water street, Saco, a view taken from the Roosevelt bridge near the Deering plant, showing the Cousens filling station at the corner of Water and Elm streets, under water, and down the street to the Garland Mfg. Co. plant. No. 4. Storer street, Saco, a view that was taken from Elm street, No. 5. Lincoln street, Saco, looking towards Elm street. No. 6. Houes on Lincoln street, Saco. Ex-City Marshal George Mapes of Saco is shown near the tree looking over the flooded area. No. 7. A view from Lincoln street, Saco, looking towards the Saco-Lowell Shops. No. 8. Taken from Elm street, Saco, looking up river towards the Somesville section.

March 24. Hollis Village Washed Out

—By Staff Photographer.

The bridge at Bar Mills on the road leading into Hollis was swept away by flood waters of the Saco River. Photograph was taken today, showing flooding conditions of the river at that point this forenoon.

—By Staff Photographer.

Top left—Governor Louis J. Brann at West Buxton today surveying the havoc caused on the Hollis side of the dam after a section of the restraining wall went out. The governor is standing with officer. Top right—Wreckage of the Silas Elgee house, formerly the home of Dr. Elton M. Varney, with tree uprooted by the flood waters. It was feared this forenoon that this house would be toppled into the water. Lower right—View taken this forenoon in Hollis looking toward West Buxton, showing the river cutting through the banks. Low left—Looking from West Buxton toward Hollis Village, showing remains of bridge and the twisted guard railing, giving an idea of the force of water that descended upon this bridge since Sunday. This view was taken this forenoon.

Saco River Strikes Blow At West Buxton

Portland Flying Service, Photo Division

Two airplane views of the Saco River as it burst its bank at the Hollis end of the dam across the river at West Buxton Tuesday afternoon and tore out a new channel, demolishing homes, stores and garages and ripping up trees by their roots.

Note the sweep of the relentless waters through the breach in the upper photograph and how they gouged out a deep, ever-widening channel. Several buildings had been swept away when these photographs were taken and others, already partly undermined, collapsed into the river later Tuesday night.

The bottom picture is another view of the same scene from a different angle. The dotted line shows where the highway ran to the bridge across the river, the arrow at the end of the line pointing to part of the approach to the bridge still remaining. The bridge was swept away by the flood last week. The arrow at the right points to the cement retaining wall built from the dam to the bridge to protect the approach. The wall withstood the river's assault but the impounded waters ploughed through the dirt embankment around the upper end and down across the highway.

RAGING SACO RIVER CARRIES AWAY BUILDINGS

Diverted from its course when flood waters forced the West Buxton dam, the Saco river near Hollis, Me., washed away a house and stores. The open barn formerly was attached to a house which was carried downstream. (Associated Press Photo)

"GOLDEN TRIANGLE" IS FAR UNDER WATER

Shown in this airview is the downstream point of Pittsburgh's "Golden Triangle" which was inundated from two to 18 feet by the flood that raged through western Pennsylvania, exacting enormous toll of property and taking several lives. At the bottom of the picture is the point where the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers come together to form the Ohio. At the left is the Allegheny, with its Union bridge in foreground. At the right is the Monongahela, with it Point bridge.

Tall Buildings Rise Above Deluge Like Towering Islands

The record flood that overwhelmed Hartford, Conn., disrupting its utilities and rendering thousands homeless, made islands of the big building of its business district. This fine airview of the down-town flood area shows how the spreading waters took possession of the usually busy streets.

As CCC Workers Raced To Raise Dyke at Holyoke

In a dramatic race with the rising waters of the Connecticut river, CCC workers frantically piled up sandbags to build a dyke for the protection of factories and homes at Holyoke, Mass. Blocked at the point pictured above, flood broke a dyke in another place. Damage was reported to be appalling in this area.

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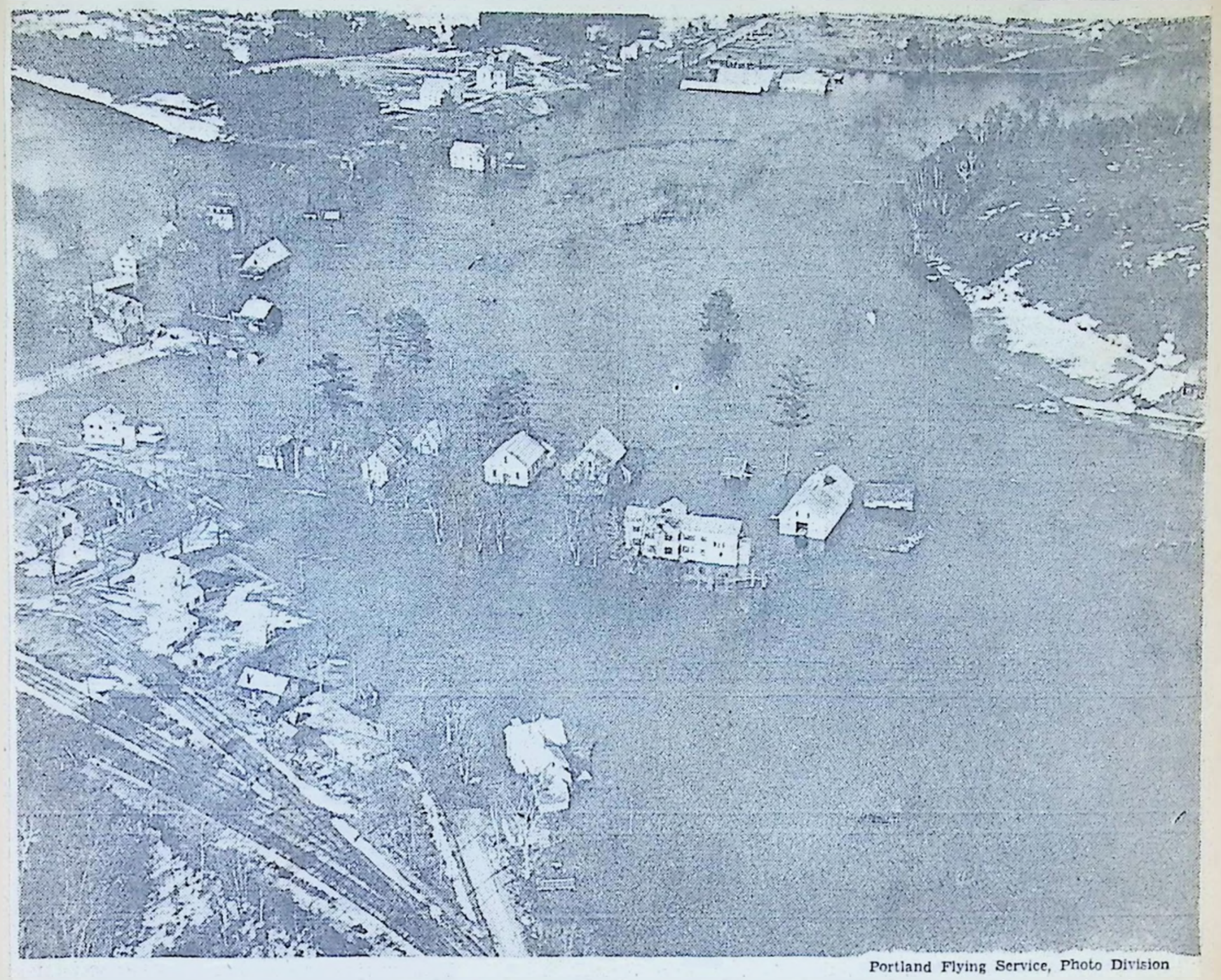
Hiram Is Still In Grip Of Saco River Backwash



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Five streets which end in deep water are clearly visible in this airphoto of Hiram Village, flooded for the past week by the cantankerous Saco River. Homes of a large section of the village are seen completely surrounded by the river backwash. Boats continued in use Wednesday as the only means of communication between sections of the community. One rowboat—a speck on the water—is discernible just above the left center.

Woman In Flood Demands Lights For Bridge Party

Only One Of Many Requests Made To Officials By Brunswick Folk

Salvagers Of Lumber Warned By Officers

Special Despatch to The Press Herald

Biddeford, March 25—Members of the Biddeford and Saco police departments and deputy sheriffs were busy today looking for persons that have been salvaging logs and lumber, the properties of the Diamond Match Company and the J. G. Deering and Son Lumber Company, as they were being carried down the Saco River, notifying them that the wood and lumber must be turned over to the two companies in consideration of what the concerns believe to be a fair compensation for the work of the salvagers.

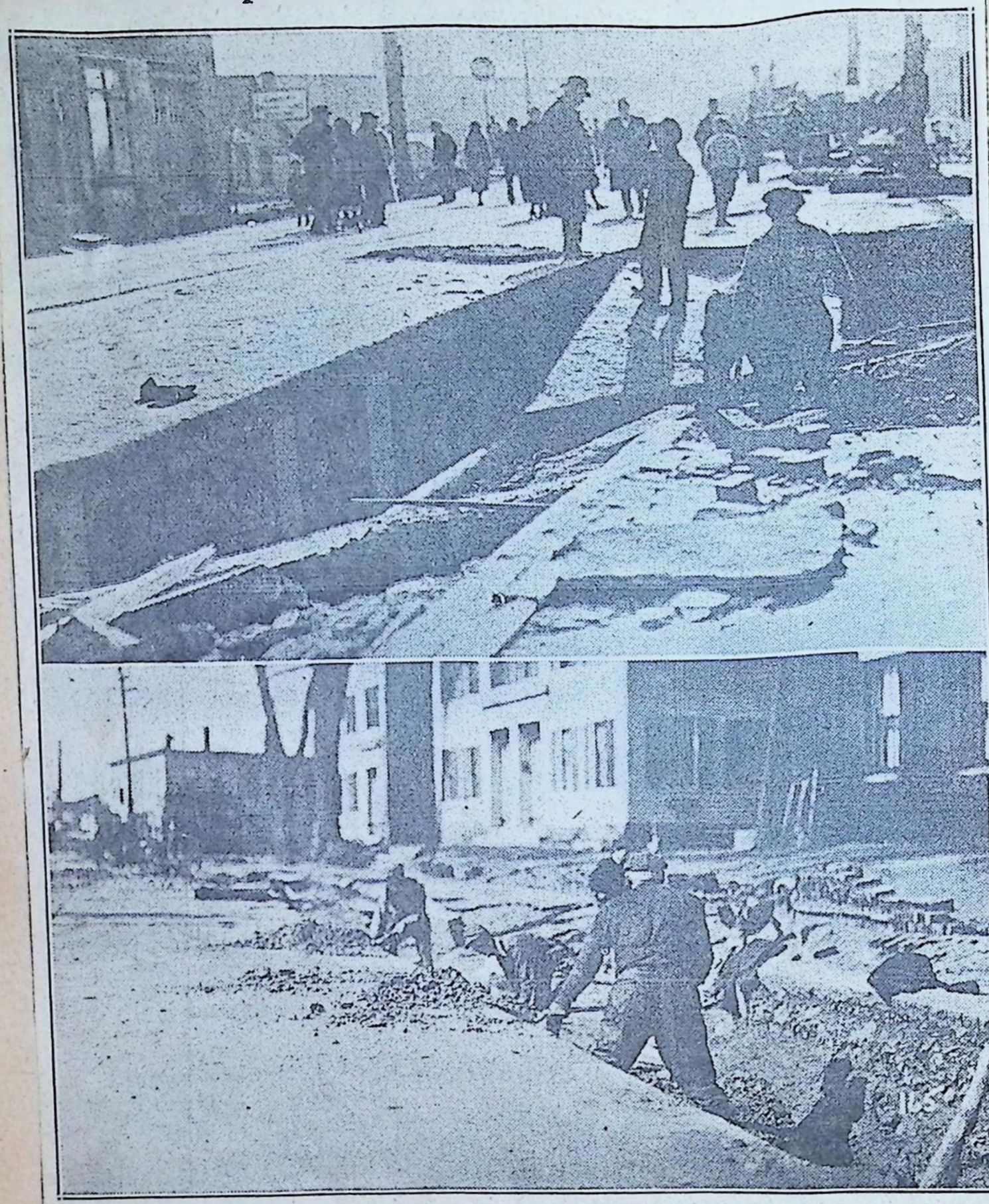
County Attorney Robert B. Seidel of Biddeford said that persons having any of the logs or lumber owned by the companies are liable to prosecution on charges of larceny if they convert them to their own use.

Many persons believed that they had the right to salvage any objects coming down river and have worked hard for several days, often risking their lives in recovering lumber. In addition to salvaging it many have hired trucks to carry it away from the banks to their homes.

Some of the persons interviewed by deputies said officials of the lumber concerns were aware of the salvaging operations that were going on near the mouth of the river and not until today was any warning issued. They told the officers that the amount offered for the return of the logs and lumber, considering the time spent in picking them up, carrying them away, was not a fair price.

It is also alleged by the salvagers that if they had not collected the lumber at the time they did, much of it would have gone out to sea.

Crews Repair Saco Washouts In Effort To Open Streets And Bridges To Traffic



Two views of washouts on Elm Street, Saco.

The upper photograph shows the extensive washout at the intersection of Water Street. The concrete pavement, which has sagged several inches, is supported by beams.

Workmen are attacking a washed out gutter in the lower photograph. The water also carried away part of the foundation of the highway.

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Saco, March 26.—Seeking to restore to Saco its principal traffic artery, workers today attacked a variety of hazards along Elm Street, washed by flood waters of the Saco River for several days.

Washouts apparently had caused the greatest damage to the road itself. The most serious is near the intersection of Water Street, where a washout about 20 feet long and five feet deep had allowed the concrete surface to sag several inches on one side. The washout was so complete that guards warned pedestrians from walking over the undermined sections least they give way under their weight.

Several smaller washouts along the street were also being repaired and gutters were washed out or piled full of debris for practically the entire section of the street which was under water. In other places several inches of mud and gravel were being scraped from the street surface and trucked away.

Another group of men was removing lumber from the jam behind the Saco side of the Spring's Island Bridge. This jam, most spectacular feature along the now receding Saco River between Biddeford and Saco, contains, besides lumber and a considerable amount of debris, two spans of the Somesville Bridge and a conspicuous sign advertising a wayside refreshment stand. The sign, apparently washed some distance, bears an arrow pointing to the middle of the river.

Other washouts were being repaired on Elm Street, Biddeford, near the approach to the Bradbury Bridge and on Spring's Island, between the two bridges.

WPA, State Highway Department and Street Department workers of both Biddeford and Saco are in the crews working in an effort to have Elm Street and the two bridges open to traffic within a few days.

The Saco Fire Department pumped out a pool of water at Water and Storer Streets this afternoon.

Other streets in the flood area were washed out and sidewalks warped and cracked, but the public was banned from most of them to guard aganst the possibility of persons attempting to return to houses closed by order of the Health Department.

Scammon Takes Oath As Mayor

Large Crowd Attends Inaugural Exercises In Saco

Special Despatch to The Press Herald

Saco, March 16—Mayor-elect, Ralph L. Scammon, Republican, and the newly elected board of aldermen composed of George Butler, Ward 1, Edward E. Brackett, Ward 2, Dr. A. U. F. Clark, Ward 3, Benjamin F. Ridlon, Ward 4, and Freddie E. Demers, Ward 7, all Republicans, and Edgar H. Blanchette, Ward 5, and Dr. Thomas E. Paraday, Ward 6, Democrats, were inducted into office at the 69th annual inaugural exercises at City Hall, this morning, in the presence of several hundreds of spectators.

The attendance was the largest at a similar event in many years. Mayor John D. Fernald, Democrat, who has just completed five consecutive terms, and a group of Thornton Academy students who are members of the civic classes at the school, were among the interested spectators at the exercises. A beautiful floral basket donated by H. J. Nielson, occupied a most conspicuous place in front of Mayor Scammon's desk.

After City Clerk Lawrence A. Doe had read the returns of the annual election, Dr. A. U. F. Clark, alderman-elect from Ward 3, acted as temporary president of the board and after the usual routine orders, Dr. Clark appointed a committee composed of Aldermen George Butler of Ward 1, Edward E. Brackett of Ward 2 and Freddie E. Demers of Ward 7 to wait upon the Mayor-elect and escort him to the hall.

The oath of office was administered to the Mayor by Clyton Hewes in his capacity as a justice of the peace, after which he administered the oath of office to the members of the board of aldermen. Mayor Scammon read his inaugural address, which contained only between 250 and 300 words and was delivered in less than two minutes time.

He outlined briefly some of the problems which will confront the new city government and called attention to the fact that on Jan. 31, 1936, the city was over the debt limit. He referred to the $56,000 increase indebtedness in the last year and stressed his belief that the city was in a far more serious financial condition than ever before.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Arthur F. Leigh, pastor of the School Street Methodist Episcopal Church, before the inaugural and at the close of his address, Aldermen Butler and Demers were appointed a committee to pass and count ballots for the election of the different subordinate offices.

The following is the new list of subordinate officers appointed Monday: City clerk, Robert A. Alexander; city treasurer, Paul E. Chadbourne; auditor, George Waterman; collector of taxes, Mrs. Lillian M. Allen; city solicitor, Clyton Hewes; member of the board of assessors for three years, Burton P. Goodrich; overseers of the poor, Kenneth C. Ladd, Augustus Rivers, Ilo M. Johnson; milk inspector, Leland Blake; city electrician, William Duffus; member of the school committee for three years, F. Walter Stackpole; city missionary, Mrs. Ethel Day; inspector of buildings, Ovide Poitras; commissioners of roads and streets, District 1, Alfred Cossette; District 2, Arthur Fogg; District 3, Emery O. Parks; District 4, Alfred Emerson; District 5, Ralph Merserve; District 6, Lawrence Thurston; city physician, George R. Love; pension agent, Robert A. Alexander; examiner of the blind, Roscoe S. Graves; park commissioner, Fred O. Hooper. Mayor Scammon announced that he would appoint Harry A. Townsend of Hill Street, as city marshal and John Bryant, Millard Patterson, Harry Emerson, Jr., and Perley Ladd had been chosen regular patrolman. Later Bryant was appointed deputy marshal of the force.

Mr. Townsend who is a former Republican alderman from Ward One under one of the late John G. Smith's administrations, has been prominent in local Republican circles for many years and in late years had conducted a tire and vulcanizing store adjoining his home and at different times has been employed at the Saco-Lowell shops in Biddeford, as a machinist.

Mr. Bryant, the new deputy marshal is a resident of the Portland road.

Mr. Patterson is a former Thornton Academy star athlete, who of late has been employed at the Saco Lowell Shops in Biddeford, and has a wide circle of acquaintances who are extending their best wishes to him for much success in his new position.

Mr. Ladd is another well known young local resident who in late years has been employed at his trade of a shoeworker in Biddeford and Saco shoeshops.

This afternoon the committee on public property composed of Mayor Scammon, Aldermen Clark, Ridlon and Demers met and elected Edward J. O'Neil keeper of the Saco jail and custodian of Saco city building, to succeed James Henderson, who has filled these positions the last five years. O'Neil has been active in Republican circles for many years and for many years was employed as a moulder at the Saco Lowell foundry in Biddeford, later he was employed as a conductor on the local street railway and in late years has filled the position of a driver of delivery trucks of different laundry concerns in Saco and Biddeford.

Saco's New Mayor And Board Of Aldermen

Photo By Daignault

Seated left to right, Alderman Benjamin F. Ridlon, Ward 4; Dr. A. U. F. Clark, Ward 3, president of Board of Aldermen; Mayor Ralph L. Scammon; Alderman Freddie E. Demers, Ward 7; Alderman Edward E. Brackett, Ward 2.

Standing, City Clerk Robert A. Alexander, clerk of board; Alderman Edgar H. Blanchette, Ward 5; Alderman Dr. Thomas E. Paraday, Ward 6; Alderman George Butler,

$10,000 Spent for Flood Relief

Portland, Me., June 11.—(AP)—A. Douglas Green, acting assistant administrator, said today the Maine ERA procured and distributed $10,000 worth of food supplies during the emergency flood situation last March.

The ERA also supplied fuel, cleaning equipment and bedding for 500 families, he said.

"Although the Maine ERA is not a disaster relief organization," Green said, "the situation demanded that it make available its entire facilities for immediate provision of the necessities of life and health until regular disaster relief agencies could organize and function."

RALPH L. SCAMMAN INAUGURATED AS 69TH MAYOR OF SACO TODAY

Mayor Ralph L. Scamman in his 300-word inaugural address, read at the inaugural ceremonies held in Saco city hall this forenoon, voiced his belief that the financial condition of the municipality was more serious than the city of Saco had ever before faced. He outlined briefly in his address some of the problems which confront the new city government, and called attention to the fact that on Jan. 31, 1936, the city was over its debt limit. He stressed the urgency of the city council, in view of these facts, giving careful thought to the appropriations and expenditures. The exercises at 10 a. m., were attended by several hundred people, including a large number of Democrats, who wanted to hear what the mayor had to say, and especially to learn who would fill the subordinate offices the coming year. There had been reports that the slate agreed upon would be broken but prominent members of the party earlier in the forenoon declared that such reports were absolutely without foundation.

There was a clean sweep of every Democratic office-holder and Republicans elected in their places. There was particular interest as to who would be appointed city marshal and police officers by the mayor.

The exercises were of the sim-

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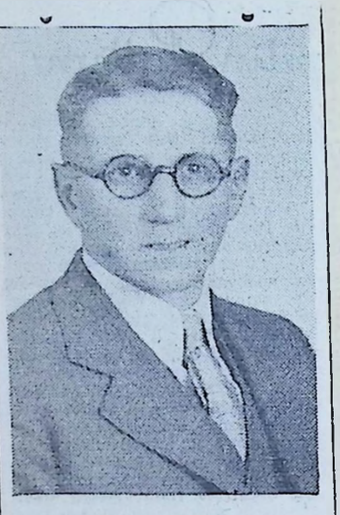

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piest character. Prayer was offered by Rev. Arthur F. Leigh, pastor of the Saco School street Methodist church, in which he invoked God's blessing on the exercises.

Mayor-elect Scamman took the oath of office before Judge Clyfton A. Hewes, following which the oath was administered to the members-elect of the board of aldermen. The aldermen are George Butler, Edward E. Brackett, Dr. Albert A. U. Clark, Capt. Benjamin F. Ridlon, Edgar H. Blanchette, Dr. T. E. Paraday and Freddie E. Blanchette.

Mayor Scamman then read his

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inaugural address which was as follows:

Mayor's Address.

Gentlemen of the city council:

We meet today to organize the city government for the municipal year of 1936 in annual convention under provision of our city charter.

I believe you realize that we have before us a financial condition more serious than the city of Saco has ever faced. According to the treasurer's report the past administration increased our debt in the year 1935 approximately fifty-six thousand dollars and on January 31, 1936, we were over our debt limit.

This year we have bonds coming due to the amount of eighteen thousand, five hundred dollars. We have a note of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars which the outgoing administration gave after the closing of their books, January 31, 1936, the proceeds of which have been entirely used by that administration, so that the present city government will have the burden of this note without the benefits of any of its proceeds.

These figures show that we must give careful thought to our appropriations and expenditures. It shall be our duty to see that all

CITY SOLICITOR

JUDGE CLYFTON HEWES

departments live within their allotted appropriations. I shall look to you gentlemen to see that the head of each department is held responsible for the carrying out of this programme.

Due to the delay in publishing the city report for the past year, I have been unable to study any particular department. Therefore I make no recommendations at this time.

Having been chosen to represent this city, we as a city government, must keep in mind the confidence the voters have placed in us, by giving to the city the best administration possible under the existing conditions.

Following the reading the address the following subordinate officers were elected for the coming year:

City clerk, Robert A. Alexander.

City treasurer, Paul E. Chadbourne.

Collector of taxes, Mrs. Lillian Allen.

City auditor, George Waterman.

Street commissioner, Alfred W. Emerson.

Chairman, board of overseers of the poor, Kenneth Ladd.

City solicitor, Clyfton A. Hewes.

Assessor, Burton Goodrich.

Park commissioner, Fred Hooper.

Jailer, Edward O'Neil.

Milk Inspector, Leland Blake.

City electrician, William Duffus.

City Physician, Dr. George R. Love.

City Missionary, Mrs. Ethel Day.

School committeeman, Walter Stackpole.

Pension agent, Robert A. Alexander.

Inspector of Buildings, Ovide Poitras.

Commissioners of roads and highways, District 1, Alfred Cassette; District 2. Arthur Fogg; District 3, Emery Parks; District 5, Ralph Meserve; District 6, Lawrence Thurston..

Mayor Scamman appointed Harry A. Townsend, a former member of the board of aldermen, city marshal, to succeed George E. Mapes. The patrolmen appointed were: John Bryant, Millard Patterson, Perley Ladd and Harry Emerson, Jr. They were confirmed by the board of aldermen.

The new marshal took the oath of office not long after his appointment and began his duties immediately. The officers were sworn in and will begin their duties tonight.

City Marshal Townsend, a resident of Ward 1, is proprietor of the Townsend Tire shop, 15 Hill street, Saco.

The standing committees are as follows:

Finance—The mayor, Aldermen Clark, Butler, Ridlon.

Accounts — Mayor, Aldermen Brackett, Demers and Butler.

Public property—Mayor, Aldermen Clark, Ridlon and Demers.

Printing — Mayor, Aldermen Brackett, Clark and Paraday.

Public Instruction—Mayor, Aldermen Demers, Butler and Blanchette.

Sewers—Mayor, Aldermen Demers, Clark and Ridlon

Poor—Mayor, Aldermen Brackett, Butler and Ridlon.

Ordinances—Mayor, Aldermen Clark, Brackett and Butler.

Streets—Mayor, Aldermen Ridlon, Demers, Butler.

Fire Department—Mayor, Aldermen Brackett, Butler and Clark.

Street Lighting—Mayor, Aldermen Ridlon, Demers and Clark.

Police—Mayor, Aldermen Clark and Ridlon.

Licenses — Mayor, Aldermen Brackett and Butler.

Enrolled Bills—Mayor, Aldermen Demers and Blanchette.

Intoxicating Liquor—Mayor, Aldermen Brackett and Clark.